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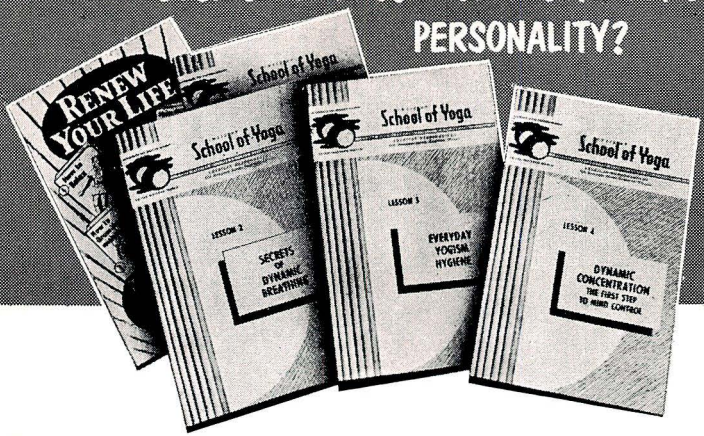
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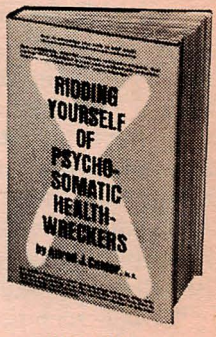
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"Most people are not aware that much of what scientists "know" is based on myths which they have invented to help understand the relatively few things they can explain. The unfortunate thing is that most laymen and many scientists actually believe the myths . . .

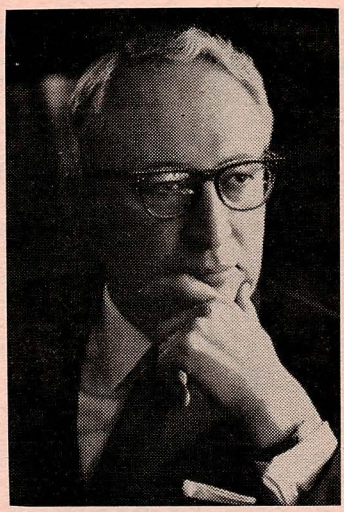
"When scientists can predict the behavior of substances under new circumstances, technology advances and also scientists can test their theories not to see whether or not they are true but whether or not they are useful."

—Paul Westmeyer,
University of Texas,
in Chemistry (magazine)

A LOOK AT SOME MYTHS

WHAT ARE some of the "myths" that science has invented? They are the working hypotheses on which science operates — the tools with which it is helped to think — but tools only and not truths.

For example, Mr. Westmeyer asks, "Do we know that gravity exists?" We observe that objects fall and that they accelerate as they fall. "But gravity is a myth invented to explain these facts."



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"Some of the outstanding myths of chemistry are in the atomic orbital theory . . . (yet) orbitals are a myth just as electrons are a myth. They are an invention useful for explaining certain behaviors of substances. Yet many people believe the orbital theory."

Westmeyer goes on to raise the same questions about light and evolution — as other typical examples of his point.

"Do you believe evolution?" he asks. "What are the observa-

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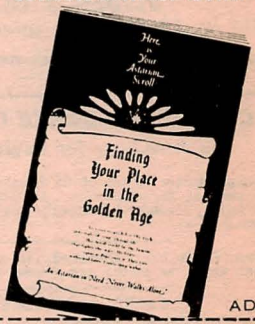
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bles? Fossil remains? Yes. Structural similarities among living species? Yes. Organisms born totally different in some characteristics from their ancestors? Yes. One species producing another? No. The classification schemes based upon interrelationships among living species are inventions; the interrelationships are myths. Extending the myth to extinct species does not make it any less a myth. Don't misunderstand. Evolution is useful but it is a myth."

These are wise words. Of course, Paul Westmeyer, who wrote them, is really substituting the word "myth" for "theory"; nevertheless, he means exactly what he says. Theories are myths which must be discarded as soon as more useful theories are invented. And note the use of the word "invented" rather than the word "discovered."

The above material was abstracted from the January, 1965, issue of *Chemistry,* which in turn reprinted it from *The High School Journal* 46, 244-5 (1963). Still valid.

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SOME MYTHS OF LUNA 9

A TYPICAL battle of myths has been taking place over the photos of the moon's surface by Luna 9. Before Luna 9 landed,

opposing scientific theorists argued over whether the surface of moon was firm or covered with a deep dust. After Luna 9 landed each group triumphantly announced that the photographs proved its respective viewpoint.

Receipt of the photographs temporarily gave the advantage to those who had been arguing that the lunar seas had a hard surface formed of lava. The material has the physical appearance of certain forms of quickly cooled lava on earth.

Dr. Thomas Gold, director of the Center for Radiophysics and Space Research at Cornell University, argued for the opposite view. Dust in a vacuum, he said, can take on an appearance much like the Luna 9 photos.

Then an interesting thing happened. Different pictures taken on the moon showed that between the time they were taken the spacecraft had moved!

How would you explain that? "A moonquake" declared proponents of the hard-surface school. "A portion of the apparatus tilted in the soft dust" replied the soft-surface men.

An example of myths at work.

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WHEN ASTRONAUT Gordon Cooper returned from his

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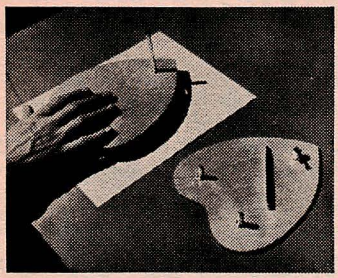
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space flight the interrogators simply would not believe his reports of what he had seen going on down below. At one point he told them "I could detect individual houses and streets" in the Himalaya Mountains, on the plains of Tibet and in the southwestern desert area of the United States. On another occasion he said, "I saw a steam locomotive by seeing the smoke first; then I noted the object moving along what was apparently a track . . ."

The scientists who first heard these words tended to feel Cooper was hallucinated — a sort of space-going version of the scuba diver's "raptures of the deep." Others suggested that perhaps the atmosphere acted as a lens, magnifying the objects on the earth's surface. NASA had a five-man team working on the problem.

Do you know what they decided? Cooper was not hallucinated. The earth's atmosphere does not magnify objects on the surface. The explanation is really quite simple: Gordon Cooper has superior eyesight and seeing conditions were first rate.

But for a while it looked as if his questioners definitely were not going to give up their precious myths.

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DON'T GIVE UP, FOLKS

THE SPACE Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences has recommended to NASA that its first unmanned craft scheduled to land on Mars in 1973 should be equipped with cameras able to send back pictures of possible animal life.

The chemical and physical detectors proposed as equipment for the ship are not enough, the scientists advised. Visual observations also are recommended.

The board shows imagination in its report — suggesting the possibility that "unimaginably strange creatures" may dwell on Mars. "One of the most interesting and challenging possibilities," stated the report, "is the appearance of living systems based on biochemistries different from that of earth organisms."

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THE ICE AGE MYTH

NOW HERE'S another theory as to what caused the ice ages. Dr. Wallace S. Broecker and his colleagues at Lamont Geological Observatory of Columbia University suggest that they were caused by changes in the orbit of the earth and its axis — a refinement of theories published by Milutin Milankovitch in the 1930's.

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times when the earth's orbit is particularly eccentric and if this coincides with a time when the tilt is critical, then there is an excessively warm or excessively cold period, depending on the direction of the tilt — whether the sun rises higher than average or lower than average.

The Lamont Observatory people have used dating methods on island corals and other specimens to plot the ice ages on the theory that when ocean waters were high the ice had melted and when they were low the water was locked up in glaciers. These figures correlate with Milankovitch's calculations on changes in the earth's orbit and axis.

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We are now in a period of high ocean levels so we must assume that we are in one of the warmest portions of time between the past and the next ice age. Just how much water can be locked up in glaciers is indicated by figures calculated by Dr. Laurence M. Gould, past president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

If the antarctic ice ever should melt, declares Gould, it would raise the sea level 250 feet and wipe out much of the land area of earth. In the past the ice cap was much thicker than it is now. Even the melting of a few feet

would inundate nearly all the seacoasts of the world. Clearly there have been no major changes in the recent past.



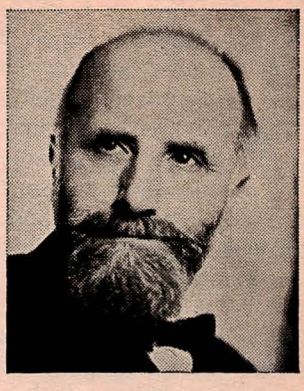
SUNBURN REMEDY

THERE'S A "SILLY" old story that walnut leaves protect against sunburn when rubbed on the skin.

Now physicians at University of Minnesota hospitals have developed an anti-sunburn spray from walnut leaves. It is colorless, non-greasy, requires several applications at least 12 hours before users go into the sun. But it lasts one to four days and is tremendously effective.

Dr. Ramon S. Fusaro told the New York *Times* that the spray contains two chemicals that react with the skin's outermost layer to give "built-in" protection. Actually, Fusaro said, the walnut leaves of the old wives' tale could not have given very much protection because they don't contain enough of the chemical that he and his colleagues use.

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First, it is *always* there. Secondly, even during the worst droughts the water level doesn't vary an inch. Third, there is no known source for the water. No apparent possibilities of springs, no other acceptable explanation.

More than 30 years ago, a wildflower specialist named Leroy King erected a ladder to the top of Jason's Rock so that anyone who wanted to see the little pool of water could verify its existence. Now East Hampton has built a new ladder so the doubters may continue to see for themselves.

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SIDEWISE GLANCES AT UFO'S

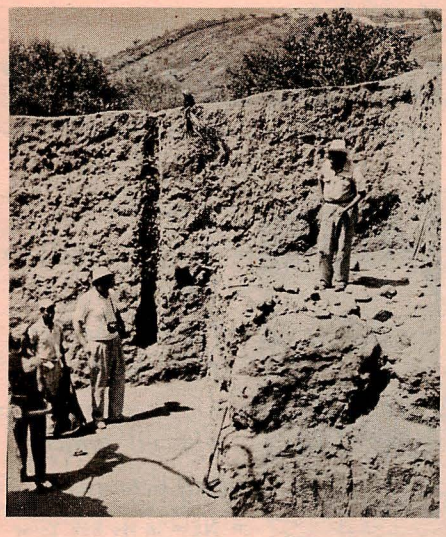
THERE WAS never a year for flying saucers like 1965 — unless 1966 turns out to be that year. It has been impossible for us to cover all the sightings and so our purpose has been to report a few of them in depth and to try to pry some meaning out of these strange events that to us, at least, seem as random and senseless as our own space probes would seem to possible alien observers.

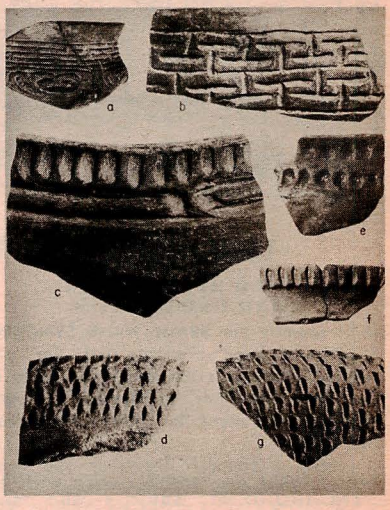
We desire, first of all, to report the words of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astronomer at Northwestern University and Air Force investigator of UFO's. Dr. Hynek's attitude always has seemed to us admirable. He seems neither a believer nor a disbeliever — but he certainly is interested and his comments are worth attention.

In an interview a few months ago Dr. Hynek proposed a new approach to UFOlogy. Let's study the people making the reports, he suggests.

"I am interested in the kinds of reports coming in and the people who make the reports," he says. "Some of the reports are utterly fantastic. You think we must have a very sick society at times; but I have to rule out hoax in most cases because of the people who make the reports . . .

"I think it might be more to the point to study the people who make them than to study the reports themselves. I have recommended to the Air Force that a panel, including sociologists and psychologists, be set up to look into the growth of rumor — this new folklore of flying saucers."





Two archaeologists digging in Ecuador found evidence that "a boatload of . . . voyagers from Japan strayed ashore in the New World some 4,500 years before Cortes reached Mexico." At site at left, scientists unearthed pottery bearing designs allegedly identical with those on Japanese pottery. Fragments below marked A, C, D are Japanese; B, E, F, G are Ecuadorian. (UPI Photos.)

He notes the large number of persons who belong to UFO clubs and suggests that they join such groups because they wish to believe a myth (there's that word again).

While skeptical, nevertheless Dr. Hynek hastens to add that "what seriously puzzles me is that the reports persist, with the Air Force getting better than one UFO report a day — and not from crackpots but solid citizens — even technically-trained men."

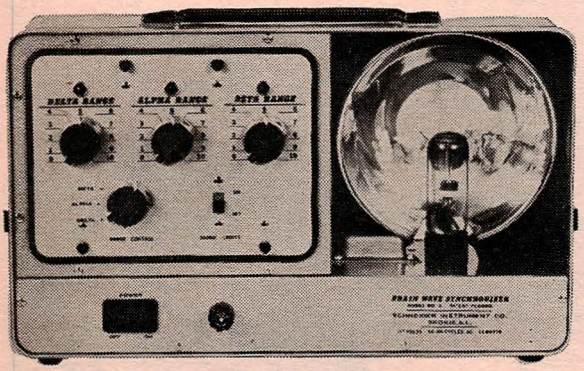
Dr. Hynek doesn't "for a moment hold that we are being visited by people from outer space. . . . There seems to be a great fad to jump to the conclusion that just because something is unidentified, it must be the product of some other civilization. Any scientist would admit this is possible, but the probability is extremely small."

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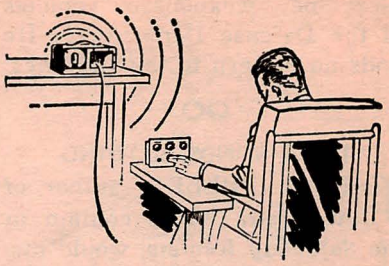
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TRADE WINDS BLOWING

JOHN G. FULLER, author of the Trade Winds column in the *Saturday Review,* would disagree with Dr. Hynek on the "no pattern" bit, although the patterns Fuller finds may not be the kind of patterns Hynek is looking for. A few months ago we summarized Fuller's investigation of a sighting in Exeter, N.H., last October 2.

Since then, he wrote a detailed article on the sightings for *Look Magazine,* and G. P. Putnam, the publishers, asked him to do a book. Fuller spent nearly a month in the Exeter area and taped more than 60 interviews with persons who reported sightings. From these interviews, Fuller arrived at certain conclusions, some of which were reported in the January 22 issue of the *Saturday Review* as follows:

There is "almost overwhelming evidence" that UFO's do exist; they have moved and hovered directly over cars and people as low as eight to 10 feet above the ground; they show no evidence of causing physical harm; their motion often consists of a yawing, wobbling, kite-like action; they change direction "on a dime;" there is usually no sound, though occasionally a high-frequency hum is heard; there is no wind, such as comes from helicopter blades.

They may hover motionless for minutes, then take off at incredible speeds, disappearing in seconds; at low altitude they often cast a brilliant red light capable of illuminating the ground in a 300-foot circle; they constantly are reported near high-power transmission lines; problems with electrical systems in cars, radios and television are associated with them; domestic animals show violent reactions when UFO's are near.

Now obviously, Dr. Hynek to the contrary, these are patterns of a kind and Fuller is at pains to point out that among the 60 persons whom he interviewed the descriptions were "amazingly consistent" although the witnesses often lived miles apart and knew nothing of other sightings. Some of the sightings, incidentally, were in broad daylight.

Even so, Fuller says, his taped interviews are not proof.



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Mrs. Perryman heard Vicki scream. "It was a terrible, frightening noise when the car's brakes were applied and I knew something had happened," she said later.

She set the baby down and ran out onto the highway to find that Andy had been struck by an automobile and dragged 160 feet before the driver could stop the car. She saw the boy was wedged beneath the car between the gasoline tank and a wheel.

"I am not sure how I did it," Andy's mother said later. "It happened so quickly. But I knew I had to get my boy out. He was pinned beneath the gas tank and I thought it would catch fire."

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Mrs. Perryman is four feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 98 pounds. "If it had been your child, you would have found the strength as I did," she says.

MORE ON GEORGE AND CHARLES

RECENTLY Murray Schumach in the New York *Times* wrote on the problem of "idiot savants," the mentally retarded persons who still have extraordinary mental abilities along specialized lines.

Schumach's article discussed the strange case of George and Charles, 26-year-old twins at the New York Psychiatric Institute and Hospital, who have been mentioned in FATE. The twins look as if they're about 14 or 15 years old. They have close-cut blonde hair and unlined faces. They like their present home because, as George said: "They don't tease us here. We are happy here."

Asked such a question as "The first Wednesday in July of 1901 was on what date?" the twins will correctly tell Dr. William Horwitz, assistant director of the Institute, "That was on the third."

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Ask the twins how they do their marvelous calculations and they do not know; neither do the experts who are studying them.

Four scientists submitted a paper to the American Psychiatric Association meeting in Los Angeles last May in which they concluded. " . . . other factors, probably beyond our present knowledge, must be understood before we have a better explanation than do our Identical Twin-Idiot Savants."

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WHERE, OH, WHERE?

RUSSELL KIRK told an interesting story of a lost street, in the *Los Angeles Times* some-

time in October, 1965. He says he has lost a fascinating little street in the ancient English city of York.

In 1949 he saw the street when he explored medieval York by night, between trains. As he was hurrying back toward the railway station he glanced down a beautiful short street, lined with 18th and 17th Century houses which rose flush with the sidewalk. Two or three steps led up to each door and the houses were handsomely kept. The entire street, dimly lit, looked very enticing.

However, he had to catch the night train to London and dared not take even a couple of minutes to stroll down the street. Vowing to return in a few months he ran the rest of the way to the station.

Since 1949 he has returned to York at least once every year. He says he is now familiar with every street and lane, even with nearly every house in York but he never has been able to find the lovely street again. He even has made certain that no such street has been demolished since he began his search.

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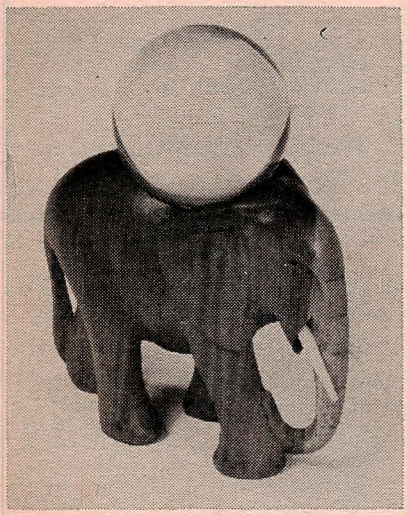
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Now, Russell Kirk wonders, if he had knocked at the door of one of those delightful old houses would someone have responded? Could he have escaped, even for a moment, from the tyranny of Time?

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COUSIN OAK

J. H. McALEAR, University of California botanist, recently told a Caltech symposium that the cells of a tree and the cells of a man — to make only one comparison — are the same.

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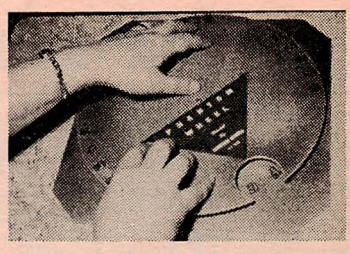
Where that origin was and how the differentiation came about is a difficult problem. McAlear estimates that life has existed on earth for 1.5 billion years though the fossil records of it go back only a few hundred million. And by far the greater part of evolution took place before earth life split into plant and animal kingdoms.

But beyond a few hundred million years ago "all is ignorance," he admits. Nevertheless, "the secrets of cellular biology are much more fundamental than any differences between plant and animal life."

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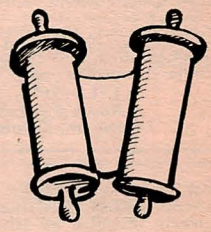
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there is a vast range of sounds in this infrasonic region. For example, Bureau of Standards scientists have heard (or at least have recorded) the electronic events which were visible several thousand miles away as Northern Lights.

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Now here's a problem the Bureau hasn't solved yet. Strange whispering noises of some kind originate somewhere in the South Atlantic. The "ears" at Boulder and Washington are unable to identify or even to pinpoint the origin of these strange sounds. The Bureau hopes that a new "ear" being built in Tel Aviv, Israel, will help with this quest.

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I SHALL BE STABBED

BARONESS Sylvaine Thybon de Courtry was found dead in

her apartment at 16 Avenue Rapp, in Paris, France, on Thursday, September 2, 1965. Her hands and feet were tied; she was gagged with a towel and her underwear was ripped to shreds. Apparently she had been raped. The razor-sharp Japanese dagger with which she was pinned to the floor of her bedroom was part of her collection of exotic objects.

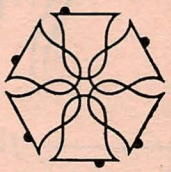
Because there were no clues to the brutal slaying police experts began a scrutiny of her diaries and mail, hoping they would throw light on the murder. On Sunday, the fifth, they reported they had found a diary written two years before by the slain woman predicting her savage dagger slaying in "astonishing" detail.

The diary entry was part of the voluminous papers sifted by detectives in their effort to determine who killed the French noblewoman with the hara-kiri dagger.

Handwritten in the unmarried woman's daily record, kept in a cheap school notebook, was a notation dating from 1963, police said. It read:

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In annals of space, "Mr Wheeler" episode (happy landing or hoax?) stands as milestone.

THE DAY "Mr. Venuto" came to Los Angeles was historic in the annals of flying saucer lore and the literature of extra-terrestrial spacemen. For Mr. Venuto said frankly and unabashedly that he *was* a spaceman.

In truth, he did not use the name Venuto. To a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times* he introduced himself more prosaically as plain "Mr. Wheeler." The tongue-in-cheek title of "Venuto" came later.

His encounter with the *Times*-man occurred in the unspacious and unauspicious atmosphere of the Old Hall of Records pressroom in June, 1953. The reporter, who did and still does write under the pen name of Mortimer Bane, looked up from his desk to find two odd-looking characters appraising him. In exactly what respect they were odd Mort Bane couldn't have said. Odd-looking characters abound in downtown Los Angeles.

The first character said casually that he and his companion had just come in from their spaceship, having landed that morning in the desert near Barstow, Calif.

"That," remarked Mort "should make a neat little story. Tell me more."

He immediately put the pair down in his mental notebook as a couple of screwballs of the sort who wander into pressrooms everywhere. Bane later said that the English of the spokesman, who called himself Wheeler, sounded vaguely artificial, parrot-like and stilted, although readily understood; he explained, as do all saucermen,

that he had learned his English by listening to the radio.

Bane said the opening conversation went like this:

Bane: "If you're from Venus, as you say, you'll have no trouble at all getting your story in the paper, any paper. But why the rush? Must you announce your arrival? Aren't you on a secret mission to study us earthlings?"

Wheeler: "But we need money. We must eat. We would want pay for our story."

Bane: "The *Times* pays for nothing, not even when it comes from a staff reporter — except his salary. But look! You don't need a newspaper if you really come from the planet Venus. Why not make a deal to go on the air, or lecture at a university, or hire a hall? That would pay you."

About this time Mort Bane was fairly sure he was the object of a somewhat elaborate practical joke of the kind that one of his Hollywood friends, a producer of special effects for the movies, would contrive — had been known to contrive in the past.

Bane now says, "Neil had stage-managed elaborate gimmicks with old friends just for the hell of it. He knew hordes of minor character actors. Queer-looking guys with oddly-fractured English would be easy roles for them. I figured it would be fun to go along with the joke. It was a dull afternoon in the pressroom anyway."

Mort said he challenged Wheeler, "If you are from Venus, then you must be different from us earthlings. If so, show me something. Are you put together differently? Do you think like we do? How did you drive that spaceship or flying saucer all the way to earth? Are you stronger than we are?"

Wheeler listened, while his partner remained aloof a few feet away. Bane was sitting at an old oak desk. Wheeler coolly reached over with his right hand, laid his thumbnail against the oak trim on the desk and moved it across the wood. The result was a deep gash in the white oak as if a steel chisel had gouged it.

Mort grinned. This was a very neat trick, possibly done with a hidden tool and a bit of sleight of hand. However, the gash in the wood was very real.

Wheeler explained he was on a special mission to study earth people. He had been assigned to test whether earth women could be impregnated by Venusians. He said this matter-of-factly with no lascivious undertones.

According to Mort Bane the visitor told him Venusians were

COMMENT ON AND BY THE AUTHOR

James Crenshaw is a Los Angeles newspaperman and writer whose interest in extrasensory perception and allied subjects goes back many years. He is the author of *Telephone Between Worlds,* a study of some of the facts and philosophical implications of survival after bodily death — a book now in its eighth printing, as well as in Japanese translation.

He was well acquainted with Mortimer Bane, the subject of the accompanying article, around the time of the Great Venusian Hoax (or was it?).

"I have," he says, "seen the old oak desk with the deep groove in it purportedly produced by the visiting Venusian and also the similarly dented steel plate. The visit of the supposedly phony travelers from Venus was long a subject of jokes and horseplay around the old Hall of Records pressroom, the news gathering center for the Los Angeles County offices and the downtown courts.

"Yet there were some unanswered questions relative to the visit of the alleged Venusians. The mystery, if it was one, got out of hand when the pressroom became a mecca for flying saucer devotees who thought Bane was either obstinate or afraid of his job when he declined to go along with all of their far-out interpretations of his experience. Now he has consented to tell the story, just as it happened, without overtones or hyperbole, and yet the puzzling aspects of the strange incident, with no clue whatever as to the perpetrators of any possible hoax, have left us all wondering.

"Was it or wasn't it a hoax and a gag? If it had been, it seems to me someone surely would have come forward by this time to claim credit.

"But no one has.

"So that leaves us right back where the flying saucer addicts want us. We ask: did a couple of beings from outer space take on the guise and costumes of ordinary men to investigate our way of life? The believers say 'yes.'

"For myself, all I can do is to go along with Mort Bane's plea, which should register in the realms of outer space something like this: 'Please, Mr. Venuto, wherever you are, give us another chance. Can't we talk this thing over? We promise no tricks. Just come back. You're driving us crazy!' "

Jim Crenshaw also notes that Mr. Venuto, whether from outer or inner space, would now be some years older than at the time of his original manifestation in the old Hall of Records. It would be an interesting and valuable addition to the science of geriatrics, observes Mr. Crenshaw, to determine whether or not a Venusian, authentic or not, ages chronologically at approximately the same rate as ordinary earth people.

of a cellular construction similar to ours, but with a difference which he did not specify.

Wheeler and his Venusian friend then left but promised to return soon. Bane agreed to take up the matter of a story with his editor, although he knew the editor would only tell him to mind his own beat (the county government offices) and to leave outer space to the general assignment staff — or else!

Wheeler did return the next day, but without his fellow Venusian. He had changed his mind about a story. He had decided he did not want to be "exposed" at this time. He did consent to tell more about Venus, however.

It was true, as scientists on earth believed, that the climate was warmer, but not too much. He and others from Venus felt more comfortable in a desert climate on this planet. Hence the choice of Los Angeles and environs as the study site.

Wheeler claimed he ate like other men but that the food dropped into a body cavity and was distributed as "food milk" to body tissues by osmosis much more efficiently than our own "clumsy" arterial system.

Concerning the long-observed Venus cloud cover, Wheeler confirmed that it was made up mostly of carbon dioxide. However, he said, Venusians were able to convert this to oxygen in a manner similar to photosynthesis among plants on earth.

Bane now thought of another test. He had in his desk drawer a piece of cold-rolled steel about 6 x 10 inches and approximately 1/20 inch thick. At the time, he was experimenting, as a hobby, with a steel etching process under the tutelage of a *Times* photoengraver. Mort asked the alleged visitor from Venus to give him another demonstration with his "concealed tool" on the steel plate. Without hesitation Wheeler quickly brushed his thumb across the hard steel and scored it deeply.

Mortimer Bane says, "Mr. Wheeler scratched a cold-rolled steel plate with, I guess, his thumbnail and put a dent in it that looked like it had been made by a glancing steel-tipped bullet."

He adds, "It was a good trick — much better than the oak wood scoring."

Next Wheeler said he had to have a job. He needed money. Mort suggested he do a strong man act or go in for wrestling or boxing. With his strength, he would be a sensation!

Wheeler acted rather naïve, as if he really were feeling his way in a new environment. He

repeated that he did not want to expose himself. He wanted only an ordinary job. Could Bane help him in some way?

Mort could and did. He felt like going along with a good gag.

Bane telephoned Hatch Graham, deputy public defender, who had an office on the 11th floor of the Hall of Records. The newsman knew the public defender's office had a special fund for paying casual investigators who from time to time performed services for the office. Bane told Graham, without preliminary, that "a man from Venus" was in the pressroom and needed a job.

Graham, who was no man to shirk a challenge, said, "Bring him right up."

Wheeler — or "Mr. Venuto" as he was then christened — was directed by Graham to return for work the following morning. The gag was getting complicated.

Back in the pressroom, another reporter, Ed Wilson, said Mr. Venuto did appear to be a strange specimen. His features and body gave the impression of bonelessness; there was a kind of roundness, he said, that did not seem abnormal unless closely compared to the contours of ordinary humans.

Both newsmen agreed that Venuto and his original companion had the same kind of "roundness," but it was apparently solid and substantial and their bodies were well-proportioned. In fact, they seemed to articulate the same as earth men. Their complexions were ruddy, without being red. Their eyes were wide-set and large. Their ears were smaller than normal but not "freakish-looking." Their noses were normal, except that the nostrils seemed wide and thin, "like the nostrils of an angry man, although they did not make them appear angry," Bane said. Their feet tended to be small.

Mort said Venuto looked abnormally heavy, although no one in the pressroom attempted to lift him to check it.

"All this comes from inspection," says Bane, "not too close on my part, because I just wasn't that intrigued. But Ed Wilson was. He believed from the beginning that Mr. Venuto was just what he said he was. So did Hatch Graham."

Two days later Graham told reporter Bane he had assigned Mr. Venuto — or Wheeler — to several tracer jobs — locating hard-to-find witnesses or others important to cases in the defender's office. Venuto found people quickly from job records and other sources — found them where others had failed.

"Hatch wasn't laughing any more," said Mort. "When I told him I had thought of having Venuto 'detained' by a sheriff's bunco lieutenant I knew and having him fingerprinted and perhaps stripped down — if that could be managed — Hatch warned against it. He warned then of what came true later.

"He said, 'Venuto will know of it before you tell him. He will not submit to that. The guy's uncanny.' "

Three days later Dr. John Macbeth, a minister of a church in nearby Loma Linda and a friend of both Bane and Wilson, walked into the pressroom. He asked about the Venusian, but did not explain how he had learned of the outer space visitor. Bane told about getting Venuto a job, and they went upstairs to Graham's office. Venuto was due in at 4:30 that afternoon.

At that hour Dr. Macbeth came back but Venuto never arrived. In fact, he never came back at all — ever. Dr. Macbeth surmised that Wheeler-Venuto had somehow got wind of the plan to have him examined.

There was an interesting aftermath, however. The story of Mr. Venuto had gotten around. In newspaper circles, it was quite a laugh. Bane had a queue of callers, wanting all the details.

Among the first to make inquiries was Silas Newton, whom Bane describes as a kind of "leg man" for author Frank Scully, who about that time had put together a couple of fast-production flying saucer books. After seeing Bane he persuaded Dr. Macbeth to call a meeting at a small church on Beverly Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Newton talked Bane into attending the meeting. Scully was there, along with several serious students of planetology from North American Aviation Company. Bane said he also spotted a number of "con men."

"When I arrived with Hatch Graham, I saw the boys were all set up with tape recorders ready to transcribe every word of my revelations," says Bane. "I wouldn't have spoken anyway, because I was puzzled by it all — even if Dr. Macbeth had not taken me aside and astounded me by telling me that before my arrival the FBI had called and in a friendly way had asked me not to talk about Venuto, at least then."

Mort said he never understood this FBI angle. How did the FBI know anything about his encounters with Wheeler-Venuto?

"Anyway," he says, "I did not talk, much to the disappointment of the assembled seekers. I just

wasn't ready. There was too much to digest. Besides, I hadn't found my movie friend, Neil, to find out what he and his gang had been up to."

Another visitor to the press-room (it's a wonder Bane got any work done) was Gene Dorsey of La Canada, Calif., owner of Calairco Flameproofing Company, who was convinced of Mr. Venuto's out-of-this-world identity. Of all those who questioned Bane, he had the best reason to be a true believer. Dorsey took the steel plate with the gash in it to Smith-Emery Company, a top-notch testing laboratory, for analysis.

"What they found amazed me and worried me a bit," Bane reports.

The lab made control tests and found many elements on the steel plate which Venuto had handled that a similar steel plate used as a control did not show. For instance, there were such extraneous deposits as calcium, barium, strontium, lead, zirconium, tin, titanium, cobalt and sodium. There were also, besides iron as the major constituent, traces of manganese, silicon, chromium, copper, zinc, nickel, molybdenum and aluminum. These were also present in the control. The report contained other remarkable information.

"You submitted two steel plates to us," it stated. "One had a dent in it, 'Sample A' 0.050 inch thick. The other one was smooth, 'Sample B' 0.051 inch thick.

"We made a dent in 'Sample B' using a tool with a bearing edge similar to a human thumb nail. The load on the tool required to make a dent similar to the one in 'Sample A' was 1700 pounds."

The weirdest aftermath was yet to come. Bane tells it this way:

"About three weeks after Venuto's disappearance I got a message in a bottle from Mazatlan, Mexico. Why Mazatlan — or any place else — I never could figure out.

"The message was inscribed on a banana leaf. It said simply: 'Feel no concern. You are in no danger.' It was signed 'Mr. Venuto.' An hour after it came out of the bottle the leaf had withered into a dry straw, a not uncommon end to dessicated banana leaves."

Mort says the bottle arrived by express. It may have been an added gag, thought up by someone who knew of the episode, but Mort says he knew no one in Mazatlan or anyone who had gone there.

Bane's Hollywood friend denies to this day that he had any

part in the Venuto caper. This seems probable, inasmuch as a prankster's greatest satisfaction is his ultimate revelation that he has played the joke. In any event, the story was getting around and Bane became a kind of unwilling hero to flying saucer fans. They came to him in droves to pay homage.

At first, he refused to allow himself to be quoted, but then what he calls "one of the more colorful of my human visitants," an elderly French journalist named Manon Darlaine, correspondent in Hollywood for a leading Paris publication, charmed Bane out of a partial account and got more details from Dr. Macbeth. Her article in French later was translated by other publications, British and American, and the story spread all over the world, gaining details and color with each retelling.

"Quite frankly, I don't know what to think of it all," says Mort Bane. He admitted that the analysis of the steel plate "bowled me over," and the wide attention the story received gave him many second thoughts.

"Maybe someday I'll write a book," he muses.

And if you should make the mistake of referring to the whole thing as a gag, Mort now is liable to cut you off quickly and somewhat tartly with:

"Who said it was a gag?"



MACHINE WITH A "MIND"

FIREMEN in Washington, Iowa, recently reported how a fire in a delivery truck made the vehicle react as if it had a mind of its own. The fire, they said, apparently shorted the truck's horn and ignition wiring. This caused the horn to sound, waking Paul Fern, owner of the truck, who discovered the blaze and phoned an alarm. It also caused the truck motor to start, and the vehicle backed into the garage door, which opened. The truck backed out of the garage and kept moving until stopped by a trash heap 30 feet away.

THE TIME WE FILMED THE



Stately Ghosts of England

Intrepid Tom Corbett, doughty Margaret Rutherford awe not at all Longleat's anti-TV shades.

By Tom Corbett

LONGLEAT is the largest and finest of England's Elizabethan mansions. It was built in Wiltshire and completed in 1580 during the reign of the first Elizabeth. Its hundreds of beautiful rooms and its 1,000 acres of well-kept grounds are haunted by history, legend, tragedy, and by quite active ghosts — as I found out to my discomfiture.

Many years ago, when the present Marquess of Bath inherited the estate he undertook to alter the garden arrangements. During this work one of the gardeners unearthed a skull, subsequently discovered to have been buried in the cemetery of an ancient priory which once had occupied the site. The skull was handed around among those on the immediate grounds, including Lord Valentine Thynne who,

being young and thoughtless, put the skull atop his own head and rode with it around the estate. Suffice it to say that five persons, all in excellent health at the time they handled the skull on that morning, required medical treatment for one thing or another before the day had ended. Lord Bath, noting the coincidence of events, determined not to take further chance and ordered the skull reinterred in consecrated ground — at the local church.

It was with full cognizance of this predilection of Longleat's spirits not to be taken lightly that I first visited the Manor in 1961, by invitation from Lord Christopher Thynne, the Marquess' second son. I went expressly to meet the family ghosts. I was accompanied there by a journalist, Diana Norman, and a photographer, Helen Simpson.

From the moment we entered Longleat I became dissociated. I was not conscious of anything that transpired until, at 3:00 A.M., Lord Christopher suggested that we leave and return to Job's Hill, the house where the Marquess of Bath lives, about four and one-half miles distant.

The next morning Diana Norman told me, "It was wonderful — you were great!" She then related how I had gone through the house describing seven invisible "tenants" and incidents related to them.

The matter of being unable to remember any of the night's incidents continued to bother me as I drove back to London alone the next afternoon. I had waked that Sunday morning feeling ill and I continued to feel that my spirit somehow remained partially outside my body. I had to stop six times along the 103-mile route, almost at the point of being unable to drive the automobile.

Although Diana Norman, the photographer, and I had arranged to meet on the next Monday or Tuesday for lunch in Fleet Street together, it actually was 10 days before any one of us got around to telephoning the others — and for the peculiar and mutual reason that our throats were too sore! We suffered, independently, from what my doctor described as a condition almost like laceration of the throat. It was as if we each had swallowed a sharp bone or two. None of us could account for this until Diana recalled that we all had been together in Longleat's "haunted corridor" where, in the 1730's, the Viscount Weymouth, an ancestor of the Marquess of Bath, was reputed to have stran-

gled his wife's lover. Perhaps our respective throat conditions were related or sympathetic to the tragic strangulation!

Sometime after this visit I was invited to write an autobiography which I refused to do because I felt that the publishers perhaps wanted a catalogue of names, but they urged that it was because I had been visiting some of the haunted houses and if I liked to write my experiences these would be of interest. Therefore, having got on very well with Diana Norman on our first visit, I asked her if she would like to make other visits and collaborate with me on a book involving some of the haunted houses of England. This she readily agreed to do and subsequently a book was published, under her name, on three of the principal houses.*

Our next experience of Longleat was when we went back there in the spring of 1964 to make a film** with my dear friend, Margaret Rutherford, the well-known, well-loved actress. Some American television people, together with a technical crew from BBC, arrived on location a couple of days before we did and this was the beginning of some very strange happenings.

Before the actual filming began the sound technician, at the request of Frank DeFellita, the producer, set about making a tape recording of the chiming of the fine old clock in the Great Hall. However, with everything set up and in readiness to record the strikes for the first time in 25 years the clock did not chime a note. Curiously enough the several other chiming clocks in the house faithfully tolled the hour.

Legend has it that when a Longleat clock doesn't chime the "ghosts are walking." I told Frank DeFelitta that the spirits *wanted him to know* they were there and that he and his men would not have an easy time with them. I suggested that he ask permission of the spirits to work with them but, unfortunately as it later proved, he only laughed.

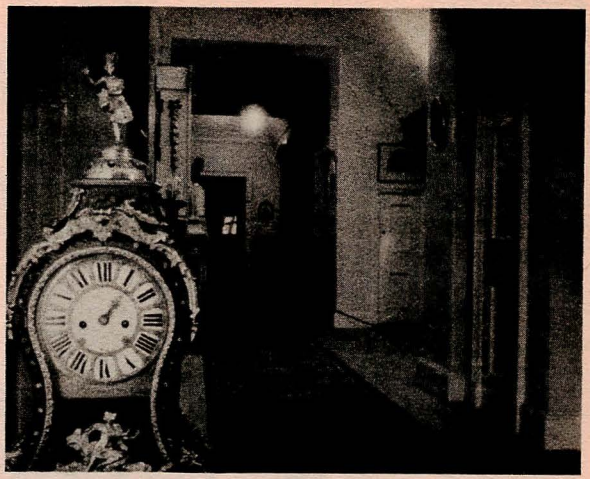
I felt from the start that the "spirits" really did not mean to hurt anyone and as things turned out, this seemed to be the case, especially during the first few days' happenings which involved automobiles.

Inexplicably Diana Norman's petrol tank, to which she alone held the key and which she had filled on two consecutive eve-

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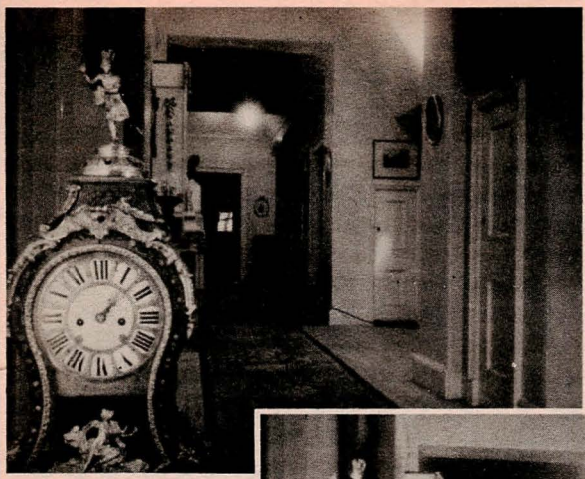
Infrared camera at 1:05 A.M. catches faint glow of something on closet door visible at right of "haunted corridor."

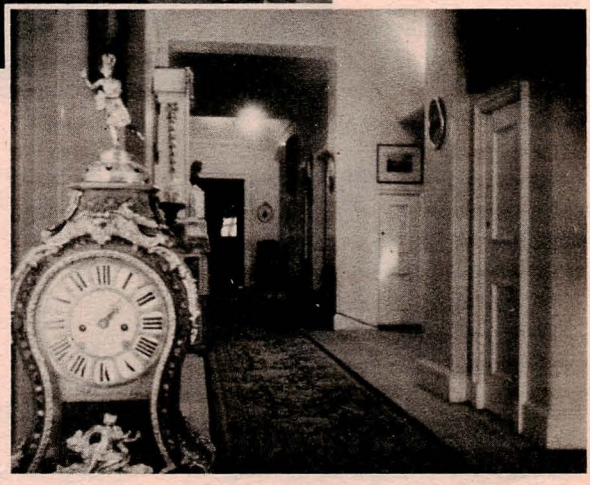
nings, was found empty the following mornings. This happened twice only, neither before nor since. It seemed impossible, as she did have the only key to the tank's lock, but it was inconveniently true.

Then on the second day, I believe it was, my car "threw" a wheel and lost its brakes simultaneously while I was driving on Longleat's grounds. The car finally rolled to a stop several feet from an imposing cliff!

Back at the House, during the first day of attempted filming, a securely anchored floodlamp weighing several hundred pounds, toppled from its tripod. It skittered about 15 feet along the haunted corridor, vaulted a bannister and hurtled 40 feet down, to crash into hundreds of pieces in the Great Hall, where it missed a technician, Jeff Smith, by only a few feet. The lamp had been standing safely anchored on its tripod for a number of hours, from morning into the afternoon, before its precipitous journey.

The next day the sound man had an accident with his car. This was on the same day I so narrowly missed disaster with my own automobile. As Dudley Plummer rounded a curve on his way from the village inn, where we all were put up, to Longleat he collided head-on with a motorcyclist. His car was a total write-off. However, when the





Glow on closet door brightens at about 1:07, then is still brighter (right) one minute later. Light shows on film for almost a half-hour.

ambulance corpsmen, who quickly arrived, pulled the cyclist from under the demolished car they found he was unhurt — in fact, I heard he had not so much as a bruise!

Two friends of the producer, Mr. and Mrs. Chancer, of New York, were with us during the filming. One evening when they did not have their car I offered to give them a lift to the motel. As I was seeing them into the car Mrs. Chancer, who had got into the back seat, pulled her door shut catching my hand in the jamb. The three of us heard the bones of my hand crack and it was cut and bleeding. I removed a ring from the little finger of my

left hand because of the swelling and blood. I massaged my hand for a few seconds and then drove on into the village. When we reached the motel 10 minutes later, there was not a break in the flesh, no sign of blood, and no longer any pain whatever. On reflection I can only describe this as instant healing.

At one point during the filming the sound technician asked that I walk about and describe my feelings concerning the spirits so that it might be recorded on his tape. As I began to do this he stopped me saying that the microphone had gone dead. He tested it and found it in good order, but it failed to function when I began my descriptions again.

The first two days' filming proved completely abortive. Although we had used the same cameras through two previous weeks' filming at others of England's Stately Houses the film turned out muddy and it was decided nothing could be done with it. This despite "test strips" at the end of each film which developed properly. A completely different set of cameras was used on the third day with similarly bad results, although all cameras had been inspected by technicians in London and pronounced in good order. The camera crew were all experienced BBC men and the head cameraman remarked that nothing like this ever had occurred during his 20 years of experience.

Another day's film was sent up to London, carefully packed and labeled NBC. But it did not reach its destination on schedule. However, true to my feeling that the ghosts meant no lasting harm, the film turned up a bit later.

Mr. DeFellita decided he ought to set up a camera designed for "time lapse" photography at one end of the haunted corridor with the hope that it might capture an entity on film. Accordingly, the camera was turned on to shoot one picture every four seconds throughout the night and we *all* left, locking Longleat behind us. The next morning, after the Marquess reopened the house, the technician found the camera *turned off* and *unplugged*. Inspection of the film counter told him that this had been done within minutes after we left. Yet no one had remained in or entered the mansion.

The next night the infrared camera was again set up and two men left on duty. I felt that, being the psychic or sensitive involved in the venture, I ought to give them moral support. Consequently I visited them about 12:30. However, from the time of

my arrival on the scene until I left them the camera was out of order. No reason for this could be found; they could discover no malfunction in the camera — it just didn't work.

Nevertheless, on this night they did film "something." A light came out of one door into the haunted corridor, moved around, traversed 10 yards and finally disappeared into another door on the same side of the corridor. Actually this light appeared on the film, from no known source, for the period of almost one-half hour at the outset. However, I understand that the time of its appearance dwindled and finally was much less than this — after the transitory nature of ghosts.

The final success of the filming may be due to the fact that the producer, Mr. DeFellita, reconsidered the necessity of asking permission of the ghosts of Longleat to make the film. This he did one early morning, making a special trip out to the house and up to the haunted corridor to do so. When he returned from this errand I knew it would now be "all right."

Two incidents occurred which really had nothing to do with the filming, but only to do with the ghosts "making themselves known."

The first involved the chief cameraman who went into an old nursery on the third floor in search of a prop. He emerged moments later in what may be called extreme shock. He told us that the instant he stepped into the room his hearing ceased — he entered an "awful quiet" — and he felt "something oppressive and cloying" around him. He said he felt his hair stand up and thought he surely would have suffocated if he had not been able to pull himself away! The man freely admitted his terror, and yet he has been decorated for valorous service in two wars.

The other incident concerned two uninvited young journalists who seemed to have decided we were cranks. At one stage when they had been under our feet all day and we all were very anxious because of our failures with the filming I suggested that they go up to the Bishop Ken library where they could see two pictures painted by Adolph Hitler and one by Winston Churchill, as well as a beautiful collection of books. They asked permission of the Marquess of Bath, who gave them the key, and went on up to the third floor.

As they reached the library the one who carried the key was talking to his colleague. Receiv-

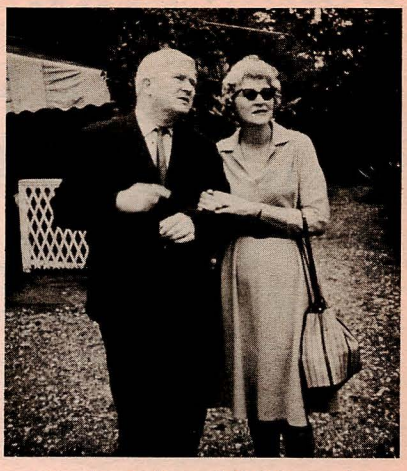
ing no reply he asked, "Why don't you answer me?"

His friend said, "What can I answer? You haven't spoken."

They found the library fascinating, to use their own expression, and on leaving the room locked the door securely as they had been instructed to do. This is a part of the house to which the public is not admitted. They walked along the haunted corridor but said they had gone only about 20 feet when they both heard a key being turned in the door. They were startled and one shouted, "I have got the key." Nevertheless they hurriedly retraced their steps and saw, to their amazement, the handle being turned. They did not investigate this occurrence, knowing they had just locked an empty room and being unable to see anyone to turn a door handle in the corridor. I can only say they did not seem so full of their own importance afterwards.

On the fourth day Miss Rutherford said to me, "Tom, are you sure 'they' want us here? Considering that everything seems to have gone wrong since we arrived?"

Through my stubborn nature I said, "We must go through with this. Whether 'they' want us or not they must do their strongest to put us off."



Standing in front of Nell Gwynne's cottage, looking toward Salisbury Hall are author Tom Corbett and FATE Editor Mary Margaret Fuller.

The result those of you who saw the television show know. You even saw the ghostly light that wandered around the haunted gallery. I have no doubt this was a partial manifestation and, of course, what started out as a half-hour of usable footage dwindled to 11 minutes by the time the film was on television. Perhaps by now it has completely disappeared. But if you saw it you never again can say you have not seen a ghost.

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of Names and Numbers

How to Work with NUMEROLOGY

Occultism teaches that a name is linked to a number — and that this number may have a beneficial or evil vibration.

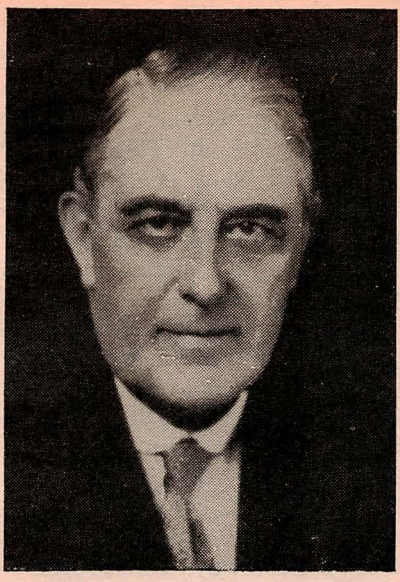
By Cheiro

IN OCCULTISM names and numbers are mysteriously entwined. I shall explain as simply as I can how it is that a name may have a good or sinister effect upon an individual life. It is based upon the law of vibration. *Everything that exists has its note of vibration, producing harmony or discord.*

Cardinal Sarto, who later became Pope Pius, when I met him in the Vatican proved himself an adept in this science of names and numbers. He told me that when a Pope is elected by the Cardinals it is they in concert who decide *what name he shall be known by;* and in due course that selected name is repeated by millions of the Faithful in their daily prayers and increases his power and prestige.

King Edward was interested in this theory. While he was Prince of Wales he told me he never could go down in history as King Albert although Queen Victoria desired that he might perpetuate the name she loved so fondly. One cannot imagine, Edward VII, as "Albert," and as I shall show the changing of a name may have a deep effect upon a person's career.

Names are not given by chance nor are they chosen, except in rare cases, by the individuals themselves. William or John, Joan or Mary, *are names given by parents without considering the wish of the child.*



Count Louis Hamon, known professionally as Cheiro, was world-famed as a palmist and clairvoyant. He died in 1936.

In other words, the vibration of a name corresponds with some hidden occult influence. Discover the secret of the number and one is on the road to understanding its significance *as relating to personal influences.*

If Lloyd George had been called plain Mr. George he would not have seemed the same person; not to have called him Lloyd George would have robbed *him of some part of his personality.*

The second chapter of the *Book of Genesis* records that the descendants of Noah determined to build a tower whose top should reach into Heaven. They said: "Let us make a NAME, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

Jacob's name was changed to "Israel" after he had wrestled with the Angel *as a sign that he would be a Prince among nations.*

It is chiefly from the ancient wisdom of the Hebrews, called the *Kabala,* that the theory of letters and numbers has been evolved.

Thus, every letter was given a definite number. It would take up too much space to explain the meaning attached to each Hebrew letter, but this condensed table will allow readers to find the number signified by their own name.

Letter	A	represents number 1
	B	2
	C	3
	D	4
	E	5
	F	8
	G	3
	H	5
	I	1
	J	1
	K	2
	L	3
	M	4
	N	5

O	7
P	8
Q	1
R	2
S	3
T	4
U	6
V	6
W	6
X	5
Y	1
Z	7

Now, let me explain the meaning of each of these numbers.

Number One—Or names that work out to the single unit of I—is a fortunate number. It relates to personal ambition, success and riches.

Number Two is not as strong in its vibrations or as fortunate as Number One. It represents the gentler qualities, the artistic and the temperamental; it has been termed the "number of strife caused by others." Take the following historical list of Kings as an example:

Charles II of France, poisoned; Demetrius II, assassinated; Edward II of England, murdered; William II, accidentally killed; Henry II, died of grief; Richard II, murdered; Henry II of France, accidentally killed; George II, died suddenly.

Number Three is a powerful number and all persons whose names work out to the final unit of that number, are likely to be fortunate, and rise in life in whatever profession or career they may be in. This number belongs to what is called "the spinal column of numbers," 3-6-9. In occult symbolism the 3 stands for the qualities of the planet Jupiter and expresses authority over others. Bismark regarded six as his lucky number and I have had the honor of seeing some calculations that he made. Although born "a number one man" on April 1, the name Bismark works out to a 15, whose single unit is 6 (Example: 1 plus 5 = 6). He always endeavored to carry out his plans on dates that made a 3, 6 or 9, such as the 3rd, 12th, 21st, or 30th, the 6th, 15th, 24th, or the 9th, 18th, 27th. Those whose names work out to a 3, 6, or 9, should bear this in mind.

Bismark served under Three Emperors, fought and won three great wars; signed three peace treaties; formed the triple alliance; had three oak leaves in his coat of arms; and had three children.

Number Four plays a most important part in Occult symbolism. It is not, perhaps, a fortunate number in a worldly sense, and those whose names signify it are usually misunderstood and feel lonely in life. One will almost always find such number

four people work hard and strive very earnestly to get on but their plans seem not to fit in with the plans of others. In speculation they are as a rule unlucky; in love and affection they generally suffer much, or go through unusual experiences.

Number Five always has been considered a magical number. The Greeks and Romans wore it as an amulet. The pentacle, or five-pointed star, was carried as a mascot by the ancients. It is considered fortunate for those who lead changeable, unconventional lives, full of risk and adventure. But for those who lead ordinary lives it is not so remarkable.

Number Six, an entire volume could be written about the occult properties of this number. The six-pointed star with its interlaced triangles is known also as the Seal of Solomon the King. It is an interesting fact that many people who have been remarkable in history have had six for their birth number and in many instances for their Name Number.

As an example of those born on the 6th, 15th, or 24th in any month (these numbers by addition making a 6) I may mention: Napoleon I, born August 15; Cecil Rhodes, July 6; Queen Victoria, May 24; Frederick the Great, May 24; Oliver Cromwell, January 24; Sir Henry Irving, February 6; President Taft, September 15; Sir Walter Scott, December 6; Michael Angelo, March 6; Henry Ward Beecher, June 24.

I could name hundreds of persons of strong magnetic personality whose lives have been ruled by the 6. They have commanded love, respect and power. In Occult symbolism this number 6 is represented by a youth standing between the figures of two women—one symbolizing vice, and the other virtue. This indicates that the strong sex nature may be led in either of these directions. It will be found that 6 and all its series is, as a rule, a very fortunate number.

Number Seven in all ages has been hailed as a mystical number. It is usually associated with occult power and love of mysticism. Both in the Bible and in all ancient works written on the subject of magic, it has always stood in relation to the *mysterious occult forces pervading humanity.* I will mention some of the chief associations of seven:

There are 7 primary colors; 7 harmonies in music; 7 races of mankind; 7 heavens referred to in the Bible; 7 creative planets in the Zodiac; 7 generations from David to the birth of Christ, 7

days of the week, 7 ages of man.

The above are but a few of the remarkable things associated with number 7, but the hidden meaning of this number relates more to the inner spirit or personality of the individual who has this number dominant in his life.

Number Eight is a difficult number to explain. It represents two worlds, the material and the spiritual. It is composed of two equally even numbers, 4 and 4.

From the very earliest ages it has been associated with the symbol of irrevocable fate both in connection with the lives of individuals or of nations. In astrology it stands for Saturn, which also is called the Planet of Fate.

One side of the nature of this number represents upheaval, revolution, waywardness and eccentricities of all kinds.

The other side inclines toward Philosophic thought, religious devotion, deadly concentration of purpose and zeal for any cause espoused. There is, at the same time, usually a fatalistic outlook coloring all actions.

All persons who have the number 8 clearly associated with their lives feel they are different from others, they are isolated and much misunderstood; they seldom reap the reward for the good they may do while they are living.

Those who are on the lower plane generally come into conflict with human justice and have some tragic ending to their lives. Those on the higher plane carry their misunderstood motives and tragedies before Divine Justice.

To decide which of these two types the number 8 person belongs to one can only make a comparison of their Fadic numbers. If they are *completely dominated by the recurrence of the number 8 in the principal events of their lives,* some kind of tragedy may be looked for. Thus, if we find a person with the number 88 always cropping up in important events, or the equally fatalistic number of 4 constantly appearing, we may be sure we are in the presence of one who is a plaything of Fate on the earthly plane. In my *Book Of Numbers* I have given many examples of the fatalistic influences of the numbers 4 and 8. A curious illustration is the case of Doctor Crippen, who was executed in his 48th year when these two fatalistic numbers *came together for the first time.*

Number Nine, for the purpose of occult calculation, is considered one of the most important.

While number 7 relates to spiritual force, 9 is the sign of physical force in every form, and stands therefore *in relation to the material.*

When this explanation is carefully considered it throws an illuminating light on that mysterious text in *Revelations,* Chapter 13, Verse 18: "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the Beast, for it is the number of man, and his number is 666."

This has puzzled the mind of man for centuries, yet if one will take the trouble to add 666 together it totals 18, and 1 plus 8 gives 9

Six, 6, 6, producing its root of 9 is therefore in all truth, as *Revelation* states, *"the number of man."* The hidden meaning of this number is one of the great secrets of occultism.

Persons who have 9 as their name number generally will have a hard fight with circumstances in their early years. If they rise to positions of authority in nations, they are often the cause of wars or play an active part in them.

Those who are born with 9 as their birthday number usually are considered fortunate, provided they do not ask for a peaceful or monotonous life. The following examples of persons dominated by the number 9 may be cited:

The Kaiser of Germany, born January 27 equals 9. King Edward the Seventh, born November 9 equals 9. President Theodore Roosevelt, born October 27 equals 9. President Grover Cleveland, born March 18 equals 9. Lord Carson, born February 9 equals 9. The late Emperor of Russia, born February 27 equals 9. President Ulysses Grant, born April 27 equals 9. Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, born August 18 equals 9.

When the Name Number and the Birth Number work out to the same final unit, the number and dates associated with whatever that number may be *have still greater significance.*

There are only 9 planets in the earth's solar system. There are only 9 numbers that man employs in his system of calculation, beyond the number 9 all numbers are simply a repetition of the first set of 1 to 9. For example, 10 is 1, with a zero, the 11 is 2, 12 is 3, and so on.



The TRIPLE MIRACLE of VERONICA ROMANUIK

By Veronica Romanuik

Veronica Romanuik lived the first 40 years of her life in Buenos Aires. After separating from her husband in 1947 she became a fashion designer, immediately successful in Argentina, then in Mexico City. Now American citizens, she and her daughter, under the name "Veronica," operate a business designing high-fashion clothes for women. Her designs are featured by such leading stores as Bergdorf-Goodman, Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman-Marcus.



They said she was dead — but she came back: to adulthood and certain knowledge that spirit exists apart from body.

I LIVE IN New York now, but I was born and brought up in Buenos Aires. When I was 18 I fell in love with a wonderful man 10 years my senior and we were married. At that time, 30 years ago, girls brought up in Latin countries led more sheltered lives than do young girls here, so I looked upon my marriage as a release from parental restraint and set out to have many pleasures previously denied to me.

My husband wanted children but I was reluctant to settle down and would not hear of it. There would be plenty of time for a family in the days ahead, I told him, but for the present I was jealous of my happiness and wanted nothing to change. Thus for two years we lived a carefree life. We went to parties and dances and spent weekends at Mar del Plata with other young married couples.

At first I was completely happy, but after a time I became aware of an emptiness which I did not understand. Something

was lacking and I did not know what it was. My husband, Augusto, who was wiser than I, knew what was troubling me and one night he brought me a present. It was a small white dog, a Pomeranian, very appealing and anxiously friendly. When I picked him up and felt his warm active little body against mine, a thrill went through me and I knew this was something I had been longing for.

This little dog became the center of my attention and interest. A basket was bought for him to sleep in and a blanket to keep him warm. Also there were books on dog care and special foods to please him. I took him everywhere; all my pent-up maternal instinct had now found an outlet and I gave it full rein.

For nearly a month I kept him to myself, growing to love him more each day. But eventually I felt an urge to show him off and thought of my parents. They lived on an *estancia,* a ranch, about a two-hour train ride out of the city and my husband and I prepared to visit them over a weekend. Augusto wanted to leave the dog at home but since, for me, this was the chief reason for our visit, I insisted on taking him. I bought a wicker basket with a handle that I could carry on my arm. At the bottom of the basket I put a layer of loose cotton and covered it with a pillow case. Then I took along another pillow case to cover little "Pepito," to conceal him from the prying eyes of the train conductor. My parents had been told nothing about the dog, so when we arrived and my mother saw the basket she became very excited.

"What have you there? What have you there? Let me see," she cried as she hurried to greet us. She went straight to the basket on my arm and lifted the cotton cover. Then to my surprise and alarm her face fell and and all the light went out of it.

"It's only a dog," she said, "and I thought it was a baby, a little grandchild you were bringing to show me."

As I became aware of her disappointment, something happened inside of me. Suddenly I saw myself clearly as a childish frivolous girl and with this realization, I made up my mind then and there to have a real baby instead of a make-believe one. But nature decided otherwise and for two years more "Pepito" was my only baby.

Both my husband and I now were anxious to have a child. We did everything we could think of and tried everything we were told, but with no success. He

went to his doctor, and I went to a doctor who specialized in treating women, a gynecologist I think he is called here. This doctor told me that although my pelvis was small and my hips narrow, there was no reason he could discern why I could not have a child. Augusto was similarly reassured but for some reason I failed to become pregnant. Not until I had been married for more than four years — about two years after my mother's disappointment in the dog had awakened in me a desire for motherhood — did I finally conceive.

My husband was pleased, I could see, but contained himself with characteristic dignity. I, on the other hand, was so excited I had to tell everybody. Not only my family and friends were let in on the secret, but the gardener, the boy who delivered the groceries, even casual acquaintances.

"Did you know I am going to have a baby?" I would ask, and when they expressed polite surprise and pleasure, I would say, "Isn't it wonderful?"

I really thought so and one would have imagined I was the first woman ever to have a baby. Looking back I can see that I was still like a child.

When my mother heard the news she was overjoyed and insisted that I come to stay at her home, in my old room. I was only too glad to go because I knew I would be waited on and have no housework. However, I soon regretted this decision. She had many friends and each woman came with a different sad tale of the difficulties and dangers of childbirth. Despite my better judgment, these often-repeated stories of death and disfigurement affected me and instead of feeling rested and strong I became sickly and weak. So at the eighth month of my pregnancy I insisted on going to the hospital, away from the prophets of doom that surrounded my mother.

It was well that I did, for I now found new hope and happiness and awaited enthusiastically the day when I would have a baby of my own. This, I believe, was when I began to grow up. I was weak in body but strong in spirit and prayed that I might have a fine strong baby and that, boy or girl, it might grow up to be a good person. For the first time I felt that God was near to me. On September 20, 1937, labor started and they took me to the delivery room. Forty-eight hours later, on the 22nd of September my daughter was born.

These were the two longest

days of my life. I never lost consciousness and at all times the pain was excruciating. Many times I was on the verge of complete exhaustion, but each time miraculous new strength carried me on. Each hour made me more aware of my responsibility and strengthened my determination to give birth to and raise a worthy child. Finally, the agony was over. They showed me a fine baby and told me it was a perfect, healthy girl. What a relief! What a victory! Neither Caesar nor Napoleon nor Washington ever had achieved such a victory.

I didn't realize it, but the battle hardly had begun.

Three days went by, then four, and still I had no strength. I had an unexplained fever. Finally, one of the more enterprising doctors in attendance decided to examine me internally; he discovered the cause. A young woman intern, who had assisted at the birth, had inserted a wad of cotton to stop a hemorrhage and had forgotten to remove it. The next day she had gone off for a 10-day holiday and had told no one. The resulting infection developed into puerperal fever and I became very sick. This is a mistake which is not likely to happen in a United States hospital, nor is it likely in South America. But happen it did!

When I found out I became frightened. I lost all confidence in the hospital, the doctor and the nurses. My one thought was to get home and be treated by the doctor of my childhood, the old family physician. But I was very ill and the hospital was reluctant to have me moved. Finally, upon my insistence they agreed, on the condition that I sign a release absolving them from all responsibility. This I did and was taken in an ambulance to my home and put to bed in my own room. Now I am safe, I thought, now I will get well. But the fever was strong and I was weak. I lapsed into a coma and did not recover physical consciousness for 30 days.

I use the words "physical consciousness" here for a good reason. During the entire 30-day period I did have an awareness, but it had nothing to do with the small white body that lay in death-like stillness on the bed. I could see that body and I knew it was mine. I seemed to look down upon it from somewhere high in the room. I also could see the other people in the room and hear what they said, but I was unable to utter a sound or move a muscle. During this time my hair fell out due to the fever. Seeing this distressed me a little

but, for the most part, I felt exceptionally well. I felt light and the obvious illness of the still body on the bed did not concern me. I was somewhere between life and death and for a while death seemed the more attractive.

Meanwhile, they fed me intravenously and took care of me in my helplessness. The doctor came often and stayed for long periods by my bedside. There were nurses too, but most frequently my mother was with me, tending to me, hovering over me.

I was not always aware of what was going on in the room about me but I was always conscious. I don't believe I slept. Usually my attention was focused on a beautiful radiance which shone upon me from a distance. I saw no physical form and heard no words, but I spent hours bathing in this light and enjoying it. Then something would happen in the bedroom where my body lay, someone would enter or leave and I again would be aware of what was going on there. I was not aware of the passage of time but I found out later that this condition lasted 30 days. Toward the end of that period I seemed to become heavier; the strength I had felt before seemed to be slipping away from me.

At one time, when my attention was attracted to the room, I was surprised to see my whole family there. My mother and father sat at one side of the bed; the doctor sat on the other side holding my wrist. At the foot of the bed stood my husband, and behind him were my three brothers. They all were crying.

Then the doctor said, "There is no pulse. I think she has gone. She is in God's hands."

My mother cried aloud and my father bowed his head.

Suddenly it dawned on me that they were crying for me; I was the cause of their grief.

Guilty in the knowledge that I was causing my loved ones to suffer, I determined to correct it. Death seemed far sweeter but I decided to return to life, if I could. This was not easy, for my body was exhausted and my will was weak.

"I want to live . . . I want to live," I cried.

I shouted for all to hear but the body on the bed was silent. It made not a move. It did not even flicker an eyelid. I fought and struggled to live, but seemed doomed to lose, for even my spirit, which before had been strong, now became progressively weaker. Finally the consciousness which had been with me so strongly for so many days ebbed

away and I fell into darkness.

The next I knew I was lying in my bed and someone was holding my hand. I opened my eyes and looked around. The doctor was at my side and my family stood near the bed. Apparently only a few moments had passed but to me it seemed my struggle to live on this earth had lasted for hours.

I heard the doctor say, "It is a miracle. Only God could have given her life. . . ."

I was alive. The fever had passed. But it had left only a husk and it was another 30 days before I was strong enough to leave my bed.

During my convalescence I recalled, again and again, the resolutions I had made and I endeavored to build these better qualities into my character. I reminded myself I must be tolerant and understanding of others; I must see them as they are, human beings like myself, struggling to live and do what is right; I must make God my daily companion. I promised to do the best I could in all my thoughts and my way of living; gradually I think I succeeded.

I went into the hospital a wilful child. Three months later I got up from my bed a woman — with character and determination to be kind to all. I became a better daughter to my mother and a better mother to my daughter.

To me, this change — rather than the discovery that consciousness continues independent of the physical body — was the real miracle.



CLUE TO SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION?

A RECENT issue of the *British Medical Journal* contained a letter from Stephen Power of the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital, who wrote he recalled a case where a parson's breath caught fire when he blew out the altar candles in church. The explanation for his fiery breath was found to be duodenal ulcer which caused a flammable gas to accumulate inside the parson. After being operated on, Power concluded his letter, the parson was able to perform his duties more decorously.

Fingers of Fate

By Harold Helfer

To celebrate their 16th birthday, Leslie and Lester Collins, twin brothers, of Blackey, Ky., went for a boat ride. Leslie fell out of the boat and Lester tried to save him. Both boys drowned.

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Robert Alexander of Santa Maria, Calif., wanted an airplane of his own so much he started to save for it by selling his car and riding a bicycle. Meanwhile, he practiced to be a better pilot in a rented plane. The rented plane crashed into some power lines and Robert Alexander was killed.

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Lorenzo Bergamschi of Mantua, Italy, a professional grave digger, slipped and fell to his death—in a grave he was digging.

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Donald Andrasco, a volunteer fireman of Chicago Ridge, Ill., was summoned to save a little boy from the bottom of a swimming pool. He pulled the child's body to the surface and discovered the dead boy was his son.

Washington, D.C., brothers Francis and Joseph Marcellino married sisters. The other day the women gave birth, within the same hour, to sons. Each baby weighed six pounds.

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Farmers in the Piedmont region of Italy held a mass meeting and prayed for rain. Their prayers were answered by a cloudburst, accompanied by large hailstones. So much rain and hail fell vineyard and vegetable crops were damaged.

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Mrs. Kathleen Finnemore of Leicester, England, was literally saved by the bell. She was about to light a kerosene heater in her home when firemen rang the doorbell—to explain she had been sold gasoline by mistake.

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Forty-two-year-old Mrs. Supanee of Lopburi near Bangkok died laughing. According to her children, she was "looking at her favorite TV show and laughed her heart out for five minutes before collapsing."

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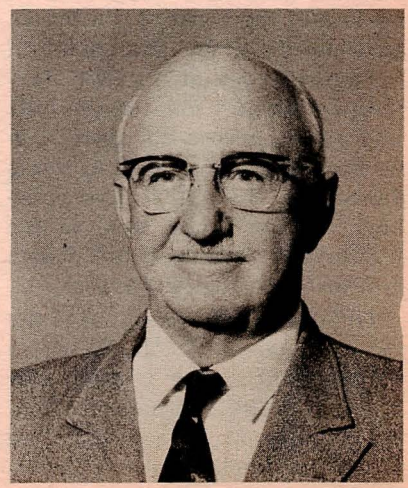
By W. S. Lighthall

TYPHOID FEVER sent me to General Hospital in Montreal in February of 1914. For weeks my temperature hovered in the hundreds with periods of hallucinations. One morning I awoke with a clear recollection of a vivid dream. In it I was high in the sky looking over a broad plain bounded by brown, rolling hills. Across the level ground galloped a mass of horsemen; from their ranks could be seen sparkling lights, dancing as if from countless mirrors in their hands.

I never had seen such low brown hills nor had I ever been up in an airplane or even seen one, so the whole sight was strange to me. I described my dream to my nurse as she bathed me next morning. She laughed and called it a figment of my imagination; but when I had the same dream several nights later, it impressed even her.

The fall of 1914 saw me in the First Canadian Division on my way to Europe where I later transferred to the British Army. Later on I became a fighter pilot to the No. 111 Squadron Royal Flying Corps.

After a year of flying over General Allenby's army in



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Palestine, our forces broke through the enemy positions and our cavalry advanced up the Mediterranean coast to cut off the Turkish army which was retreating before the advance of our infantry.

The Royal Air Force, among other duties, had to keep the German fliers out of the sky. As part of that program I was sitting in my SE-5 over the German airfield of Jenin in Jordan on the morning of September 20, 1918; I was circling over the Plains of Armageddon, south of Nazareth, ready to pounce on any enemy plane taking to the air.

As the sun crept up over the eastern horizon I looked to the north and there out of the brown caramel hills an avalanche of horsemen came at a gallop, fanning out as they cleared the hills and rolling across the open plain in a moving mass. Myriad lights danced as the sun's rays sparkled off the lance tips of the Indian horsemen and the drawn swords of the British cavalry.

The charge carried them to the railway yards of Affule where they rode down the Turkish garrison, cutting the escape route of the Turkish army and sounding the death knell of the Ottoman Empire.

The scene was exactly as I had seen it in my fevered dreams four years before. — *Scottsdale, Ariz.*

HAUNTED ROBE

By Mae Esty Morgan

ONE DAY in 1950 my son Harold, then in Arabia, saw a mandarin robe in an Oriental shop in Iraq. As it was getting close to my birthday he decided to buy it and send it to me. It was an exquisite garment made of black satin, lined with gray satin. On the back of it a large tiger was embroidered in gold, silver, and black thread. It was very striking and I was delighted.

I wore the Chinese coat to a show one night and all during the entertainment I was extremely agitated and kept looking over my shoulder. It got so bad I finally felt terrified, with the strong impression that an Oriental stood behind me with a knife in his hand, poised to strike at me. I returned home, discarded the robe, declaring I never would wear it again.

The garment was put away and I forgot about it. Then a friend, having seen the robe, asked to borrow it to wear to a masquerade ball. I didn't mention my experience so my friend knew nothing about it. Neverthe-

less, she returned from the ball very pale and agitated and, when I pressed for an explanation for her emotion, she confessed she was afraid of a Chinaman with a knife — exactly as I had been afraid a few months before.

I wrote the whole story to my son and he replied that almost anything bought in an Oriental shop has a story. He hadn't paid any attention to it at the time, knowing the Oriental mind, but he didn't laugh at me — he suggested that I burn the garment and forget it. — *Santa Cruz, Calif.*

MY SMILING LIGHT

By Bonnie MacConnell

IT WAS SPRING in Los Angeles and about three months before my 33rd birthday. Since October I had been searching my soul for the cause of my own "inhumanity." (In October my husband had died of cancer and instead of grieving as I thought a widow should, I had felt only relief at this release.) Thinking back over the years I recalled my mother's death when I was 22 and how I had pretended a grief I did not feel so others would not know of my wickedness in feeling glad she was gone. I had rationalized my feeling at the



Bonnie MacConnell

time, telling myself she would have been completely paralyzed and probably mindless as a vegetable; even if she could see and hear, which is doubtful, she was better gone; how she would suffer to see and hear and realize she could not participate, I thought. But although I believed she was better off, still I did not feel as I supposed a loving daughter should.

Now, as I drove across town in my old Chevrolet I reviewed my shortcomings. I was in the middle, fastest lane in the dense L.A. traffic so I was constantly aware of everything around me at every moment. But as I drove I thought, "I really must never have loved anybody! I must not know what love means!"

Thinking these words I approached the corner of Sunset Boulevard; the traffic lights switched from green to red. I stopped, as did the cars around me. It was then a miracle occurred!

Before my eyes the sky ripped open and a brightness, far greater than the California sun, shone through directly before and above me. I gazed into it and it did not hurt my eyes for all its brightness.

I saw a face, a smiling face, unlike any I ever had seen before. It was beautiful and all made of the light.

The words, "But I love everything!" inundated me, flowing into every cell of my body. In that moment I knew that I was a part of that smiling light, that everything in existence was part of it.

Pure joy made my being vibrant; I felt even the old car beneath me quivered with the same pure ecstasy. Both the car and I were part of that glorious, smiling light.

Then the light was gone! But it left me with a feeling of such elation and deep thankfulness that I knew no more sadness at my supposed evil nature.

I looked around, sure that someone else must have seen the joyous vision, but the other drivers obviously were unaware. The traffic light changed then and I drove on, one of millions but forever separately blessed. — *Tucson, Ariz.*

GRANDMOTHER'S LOVE

By Nancy J. Stroud Sourwine

I CAN REMEMBER as a small child living with my aged grandmother who loved me dearly. My mother never wanted to be bothered with a child and my father had been robbed and killed when I was a baby.

Grandma Stroud had adored her only son, my father. I was the only one of John Henry Stroud's children that she ever had with her. Although they were very poor, Grandfather and Grandma Stroud shared what they had with me and another small grandson. Even today I can visualize my precious grandmother in her old rocking chair, reading her Bible. She believed and "lived" that Book as closely as anyone I've ever met.

I lived with Grandma Stroud and her second husband until I was old enough to start school; at that time Grandma became ill. She called me to her bedside and said, "Honey, Grandma is going on a long trip. I won't come back anymore."

Of course, childlike I went to crying. I wanted to go with her. She said, "Someday, dear, I will come get you, but you can't go now."

A few days later another grandma, Clara Ellen Henderson and her husband came to take me back to the 10-acre farm they leased, 12 miles out from Ellensburg, Wash. They lived in an old barn of a two-story house which never had been finished up. The place was a corner house at a crossroads, straight across the road from the Cove Country School.

I wasn't a happy little girl anymore. I slept up in the attic. There was no floor, only boards laid down as a pallet for me. I was not wanted but they took me. And they never allowed me to mention Grandma Stroud's name.

At night I would try to think of all the nice things my Grandma Stroud told me about God. And about how, someday, she was going to come and get me. I asked God to please let Grandma come and get me.

Time passed. The beautiful white snow fell. I could look out on the roof and see the snow falling so gently. It had been fun when it was summer and the sky was blue and full of stars. But now it was cold and the openings that had let in the stars also let in the cold. But long ago I had learned not to complain; to do my work and keep quiet was best.

Then one night I went to bed and I saw Grandma Stroud; she was standing near me. She said, "Dear, Grandma is going away tonight." We were talking and it seemed the whole end of the house was opening up to the most beautiful blue sky and green fields. I was so happy.

Grandma said, "Honey, wouldn't you like to stay on here awhile longer? I will be back for you again. You see, dear, you must help your Grandma Henderson when she is old. You are all she will have to help her."

Again I went to crying; Grandma Stroud was holding my hand and trying to convince me I must stay.

The folks came upstairs and found my bed wet and cold. Often I heard my second grandma say, "We like to never got her awake. She was cold as ice. And crying such a pitiful cry."

I was moved into a back room where the wood was kept.

The next morning about 7 A.M., January 11, 1923, Reese Smith, a neighbor who had a telephone, came over and told the folks that Nancy J. Stroud, the grandmother for whom I was

named, had passed away. She died at the very hour they were fighting to bring me back to them.

As Grandma Stroud predicted, I lived with Grandma Henderson after she was widowed, and cared for her the three years she was a helpless invalid. On February 1, 1949, she went to her reward; I laid her to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery, St. Maries, Idaho.

There still are days when I am lonely that I feel my precious grandmother is by my side. I know she will be there when I leave this vale of tears. — *Battle Ground, Wash.*

THE WEEPING DOG

By Mae Esty Morgan

BROWNIE WAS a little, wire-haired dog owned by the neighbors when my mother and I lived together in Santa Cruz, Calif. Mother usually didn't like dogs but she loved Brownie. And he adored her. He'd come over every day and lay his shaggy little head on her knee for the petting he knew he'd get.

Then the neighbors moved away and, of course, took Brownie with them. They moved across town, about four miles from us. Two years passed and we didn't see Brownie anymore. Mother missed him.

Then my mother became very ill; she sank into a coma and I had to have a nurse to help me care for her.

One night the nurse woke me saying there was a dog sitting out on the steps howling his head off. She had driven it away several times, she said, but it kept coming back. "I can't get rid of it!" she exclaimed.

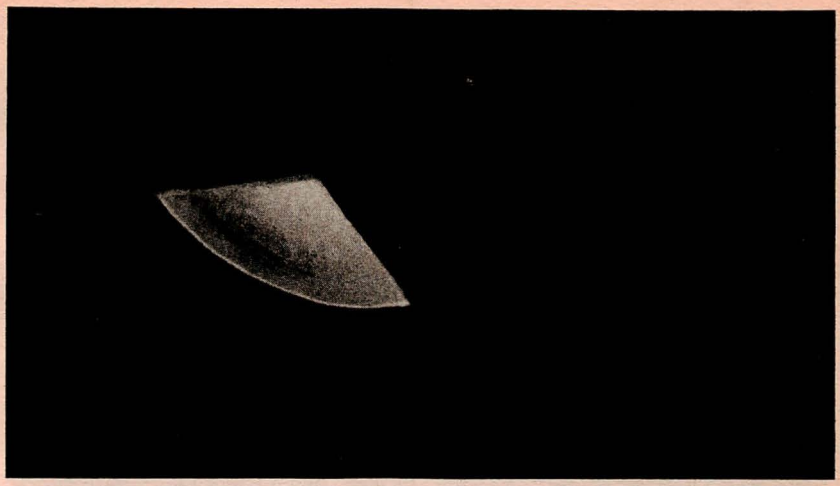
I had a hunch and went outside. There sat little Brownie weeping as only a little dog can. I hugged him to me, comforting him all I could because I knew then that Mother wouldn't be with us long. And Brownie knew it, too. I fed the dog and gave him water and he finally went away.

What told Brownie that his friend was in trouble?

He had to walk miles to get to us. But, very apparently, he knew and wanted to say goodbye. I felt I didn't dare let him in to see Mother as she was in a deep coma, but I have regretted this many times. It might have brought them both some sort of comfort.

Mother died the next morning. — *Santa Cruz, Calif.*





I Photographed a UFO

UFO spoofings stand little chance against old adage that holds camera doesn't lie.

By Arthur A. Strauch

I TOO, HAVE become a believer in UFOs, and with solid, unmistakable proof that *they* are real.

October 21, 1965, was a beautiful, clear fall day and my wife, Katherine, my son, Gary, 16, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grewe, of Gaylord, Minn., and I planned to spend several hours in the woods. The leaves were in brilliant color and we meant to gather some for decorations and, also, to take pictures.

The October bow and arrow season for deer was open and my son and Donald Grewe were hoping to get a shot at one while I was hoping to photograph the action.

We left our home in Gibbon, Minn., at 3:00 P.M. and drove 15 miles to reach the thickly wooded Minnesota River Bottom.

Almost three hours later, at 5:45 P.M., we decided to return home. The western sky was aglow with color from the setting

sun but the light was beginning to fail.

We had driven north about two miles when we noticed a large bright orange object hanging in the sky to our left, in the northwest.

My wife Kay called our attention to it. "Look at the bright star in the sky. It sure is big."

"That's not a star, Kay; it's too early and that light is too low for a star. It must be a plane," I said.

"It can't be a plane because it's not moving. Let's stop and take a look," was her rejoinder.

I stopped the car. Donald and I got out to take a better look at the light. It seemed to be hovering about one-quarter mile to our left and about 2,000 feet up in the sky.

"It must be a plane coming toward us," Donald said to me.

"That's not a plane. If it was we could hear the motor noise, and besides, it's not moving. Let's get closer," I said.

We jumped back into the car and drove for a half mile more and again stopped and got out. The strange object still hung in the same position.

Then the brightness of the light faded to a dull glow and the object moved into the wind for several hundred feet, where it again stopped and the dull orange glow reverted to a bright white light. The light now changed from white to orange and back to white as though some inner power was causing it to pulsate.

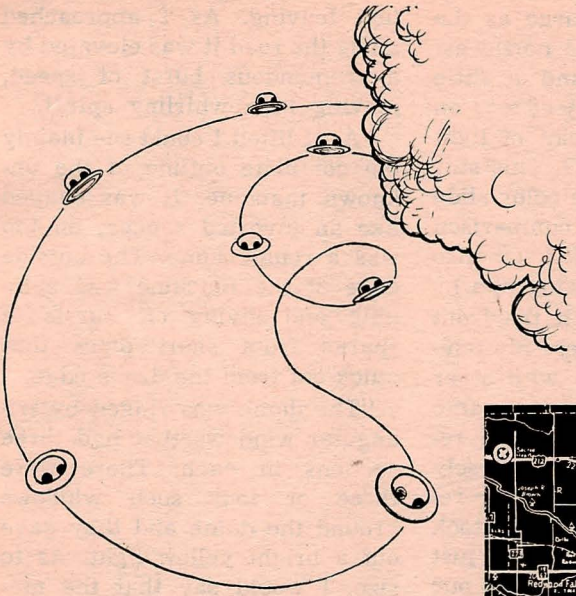
I reached for my binoculars to take a better look. Through them (7+35 power) I could see an object that was foreign to me. It was a large, silver-colored disc, shaped somewhat like a derby hat. The outer rim seemed to be spinning and an orange-white glow surrounded the whole thing. Small dark spots, which could have been windows or exhaust ports, were visible around the upper part of the dome.

To the best of my judgment, the object was about 50 feet around and five feet high at the tallest part of the dome, although it was hard to judge at that distance.

It was different from anything we had ever seen, except in pictures.

I reached for my camera, hoping to catch something on film that our eyes could not see. I was using an 804 Instamatic Kodak with 126 Ektachrome-X color slide film. I set the camera for time exposure, with the lens at infinity setting.

After I had taken one picture the object again became bright in color and moved slowly into





Carl Pfaender, whose hobby is art, records his sighting in this drawing. He renders UFO's spiraling flight and lazy loops. Mapped at right is area of Minnesota where all mentioned sightings occurred.

the wind (northeast), stopped for a few seconds, then with a terrific burst of speed shot over our heads. As it passed over we could see orange, white and a dull red glow coming from its bottom side. We heard no sound except a high-pitched whine like an electric motor makes as it starts up. The object disappeared from our sight into the southeast.

We had spotted the object at exactly 6:10 P.M. and watched it for at least 10 minutes before it left.

The sky was clear, without a trace of clouds. In the southwest

we could see the evening star. This star, although big and bright, was not as large as the object hanging in the northwest sky. To the right and a little below the strange object was an early star — a pin-point of light compared to the UFO. This star shows up well on the color slide and can be used as comparison to the size of the UFO. (It also shows on the color photograph.)

Since this report hit the front page of our newspapers my telephone has been busy with other reported sightings in the same general area. Two of these reports seem to correspond closely with what we saw and bear repeating. Both sightings took place near New Ulm, Minn., just a few miles from the spot of our sighting.

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RICHARD HOBERG, 29, a pharmacist at the Backer Drug Store in New Ulm, Minn., gave this report of a UFO sighting on January 15, 1958, on Highway No. 212, at 6:30 P.M.:

"I was on my way to Granite Falls, Minn., on business. I had passed the town of Sacred Heart and was entering the downhill grade that crosses the bridge over Hawk Creek. As I started up the other side I saw a large, silver-grey object gliding along the ground in front and to my left in the field. The object either was attempting to land or was just leaving. As I approached along the road it was elevated by a tremendous burst of speed, moving in a whirling spiral.

"As it lifted I could see plainly the complete outline of the unknown machine. It was shaped like an inverted saucer; on top was a round dome. The outside edge of the machine was spinning and giving off bursts of sparks from short pipes that stuck out from the disc's edge.

"The dome was ringed by triangular windows that had three sections in each. There were three or four such windows around the dome and they gave out a bright yellow light. As to size, I would say that the machine was between 30 and 50 feet around and about five feet tall through the dome's highest part.

"I observed the machine for only a few seconds. It left with terrific speed and disappeared from my view.

"I never have seen anything like it before or since, except in pictures assumed to be flying saucers. I have no doubt in my mind what it was I saw, but I have only my word to verify the fact."

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CARL PFAENDER, 1900 North Jefferson St., New Ulm,

Minn., owns and operates his own nursery on the west edge of town. He is a respected citizen and not prone to imagining things.

The following is his word for word account of his sighting of an UFO in broad daylight in June, 1963:

"I was watering my plants near the house here at the nursery. We had a little shower about 5:00 P.M. that day but only enough to settle the dust, so I was out with the water hose. We had finished supper and my wife, Alma, was doing the dishes. As I watered the plants I heard a faint humming in the distance and thought at first that a jet plane was going over, as they do every day — but the sound was so different that I dismissed the idea. It kept getting louder and louder, like a buzz saw in the distance.

"Then I believed it to be the sawmill behind my neighbor's place, that's Ezra Arndt's place, so I kept on watering. Then I heard this noise coming from a southwesterly direction and thought it was Norman Fluegge, my other neighbor, running a Skil-saw or some such thing. For a moment it sounded like a vacuum cleaner far off and I wondered whether my wife was using the vacuum cleaner — but she was doing the dishes.

"Then I really got the direction of the sound and turned, looking up into the southwest sky above the monument on top of the college. I could hear the sound distinctly now, coming from the sky in that direction. There was a large thunderhead cloud over that part of the city. The sun's rays were lighting up the westerly part of it and behind it and over the city the sky was blue.

"As I looked up toward the thunderhead I saw something coming out from behind it. I looked; then I stared! I never had seen anything like this before!

"There was a dome with a saucer-like base coming out from behind the cloud. It was silvery-blue, like aluminum would be in the sky with sunlight on it.

"Then I began to realize that this was something different. I held the hose and started to yell, hoping someone would hear me. My wife heard me yelling and came running out to me. What's the matter — are you hurt? She was alarmed at my yelling.

"I pointed up into the sky and yelled 'Look, look.' By the time my wife got a glimpse of the object it was disappearing behind the cloud and the noise be-

came fainter and fainter.

"The saucer came out from behind the thunderhead in big lazy spirals, making four large loops, each one closer to the ground, and then with a terrific burst of speed it shot back behind the cloud.

"There were portholes or windows that were darker than the rest — like when you are looking at a house with the windows dark.

"I would judge it to be about 150 feet in diameter and it must have been hundreds of feet up in the sky. It made a beautiful spiraling flight, just sort of floating along except for the noise like a vacuum cleaner whining away. That sound was as clear as my own vacuum cleaner when my wife has the doors and windows open.

"Most of the present reports are objects seen at night, with colored lights. I saw mine in the daylight and heard whatever motive power it was that propelled it."

There is no doubt in Carl Pfaender's mind as to what he saw but once again we must take his word for it.

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A FULL REPORT on the UFO my family, friends and I saw has been sent to the United States Air Force, to Project Blue Book at the Foreign Technical Division, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, together with the negative of the photograph of the unknown object.

It will be interesting indeed to read their findings on the picture of the still unknown but now photographed UFO.



POWER OF PRAYER

IN 1935 Sister Gertrude Kortzendorfer, an aging Sister of Mercy who administered a New Orleans hospital, became ill. Doctors said she had an inoperable cancer of the pancreas — almost 100 per cent fatal. Her sister nuns prayed to Mother Seton, the now-beatified founder of the Sisters of Charity. Sister Gertrude became well suddenly. When she died seven years later of a pulmonary embolism, an autopsy showed no trace of cancer. — *Raymond C. Otto.*

MOLLY  PITCHER

Revolutionary Seer

Her precognitive visions foretold freedom for America — and helped to win it.

By Madeline Field

DID EXTRA sensory perception play a vital part in winning American freedom from the British Commonwealth?

Few historians of the past have stressed the name of Moll Pitcher, "the American Sibyl," for the days of witch burnings are not beyond their memories, although another Molly Pitcher is well-known to American school children.

Actually two Molly Pitchers played noteworthy roles in Revolutionary days. The Molly Pitcher of the school boys' history is passed over lightly in modern dictionaries as "a possibly legendary heroine of the Revolutionary War said to have taken her husband's place as an artilleryman at the Battle of Monmouth." However, she is more fully accepted by present day encyclopedia writers who say she was Mary Hayes McCauley, nee Ludwig, born near Trenton, N.J., on October 13, 1754. This Molly married John Caspar Hayes in 1769 and he joined the artillery and was in action at the Battle of Monmouth, June 26, 1778. It was here that Molly Hayes earned the sobriquet of "Molly Pitcher" by carrying water to the men on the battlefield. When her husband collapsed, overcome by heat, Molly continued firing his cannon, thus earning recognition from no less a personage than George Washington. Mrs. Hayes, who later became Mrs. George McCauley, is mentioned first so that we will not confuse her with America's seeress, Moll Pitcher.

Moll Pitcher came by her name through marriage to a shoemaker, Robert Pitcher, on October 2, 1760. Fate has its various ways, for had not Robert Pitcher been a poor man, Moll, daughter of Captain John Dimond, master of a vessel out of Marblehead, Mass., and related

to some of the best families in Essex County, might not have used her ESP except for entertainment upon social occasions.

ON THE MEMORABLE 19th of April, 1775, tension ran high among Lynn, Mass., townspeople. Word had come in the night that a lantern glowing from Boston's North Church had sought prayers for help as well as warned of impending attack by the British. The worst fears of the men gathered on the Common that spring day suddenly came true when a mounted minuteman, sent by Paul Revere, rode his horse into their midst to announce that the first shot for freedom had been fired.

Upon sighting the lantern signal on the church spire the Commander-in-Chief of the British garrison is said to have exclaimed, "Our secrets fly away."

But it wasn't the lantern alone that gave wings to their secrets, for all of his officers as well as Major John Pitcairn himself had been to see Moll Pitcher in the early evening of April 17.

"Moll," Major Pitcairn had said, "I thought I'd come to see whether my future holds the same dark fortune as you predicted for General Gage."

Mrs. Pitcher said, "If I see anything in the atmosphere surrounding the persons I am near, I know it is a revelation intended for me to relay to them. Some lives pass before me in their entirety. I relate the events as I am shown. Yet for some, I see nothing and no amount of effort permits penetration of the darkness surrounding them."

As the Major nodded Moll Pitcher seemed to fall into a reverie. "You are very ambitious, Major Pitcairn. You'll make a name that will be famous. You will strike fire that will light a sacred fire from which shall deathless heroes spring, each with a torch that shall kindle the eternal flame of liberty in the hearts of mankind."

The Major was elated with this news and enquired if he would strike the fire with flint.

"By a shot," Mrs. Pitcher answered.

"At the Sons of Liberty?"

"Yes."

So enthusiastic was he at this that, calling Moll a witch, he confided to her the British plans to make the Yankees pay for their "Indian capers and seaside 'tea parties'."

"This very week, we are going to set fire to the stores and supplies at Concord," he said. "By fire and sword I shall conquer. Who knows but my son shall wear the proud title of Earl of Concord or Lexington, inherited

from a father who knows how to fight!"

"And to die, too," Mrs. Pitcher interjected.

"For glory, yes, if necessary. When next we meet, I shall be General Pitcairn, hero of ——, do you hear?"

"I hear, but I do not see," answered Moll Pitcher.*

Promising to return to her cottage, the elated soldier departed. Mrs. Pitcher lost no time in hastening to the meeting place of the Sons of Liberty. Telling of Major Pitcairn's conversation, she added, "Now, make the most of this information."

"That we shall," the men replied and so hurried off to Boston.

Many other British plans apparently came a cropper in the same manner in which General Thomas Gage's secret intention of marching on Lexington and taking the patriots by surprise was relayed and thus frustrated by Moll Pitcher.

Mrs. Pitcher used her clairvoyance in other ways as well to help her compatriots. One day, upon meeting a neighbor who told her she was going to see a Mrs. Ramsdell whose husband had gone off to join up at Lexington, Moll replied, "I am going there, too. In fact, I met him this morning and told him not to cross fate. 'I'll take down a few redcoats before I cross it' he told me and rushed off. I know he'll never return."

Mrs. Ramsdell was already in tears.

"You must stop crying," said the visiting lady.

"Let her cry," Moll Pitcher adjured. Looking upward, as if in trance, she said, "The teardrops shed for loved ones lost today will rise to heaven and return as stars that will fly proudly before the nations of the earth, throwing a lustre over the manhood of our time that kings will envy and ages never efface."

Thus Moll Pitcher seemed to envision the stars of America's flag on a field of blue.

Coming out of her reverie she put a comforting arm about Mrs. Ramsdell saying, "Thou are good. Be thou brave!

"See the vista of coming years
Reveals to you through misty tears
Countless the thousands, do you see?
The men who die today make free.
Thy life with his would you not give
To see the Flag of Freedom live?"

The neighbor who had accompanied Moll to call upon Mrs.

* Major John Pitcairn was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill in 1775.

Ramsdell that day experienced a state of "dreaming or something" as Moll was speaking. In this state she "saw" her husband and others pass by the millions through joyful, music-filled air, along a green, pretty road and up a steep hill. Mrs. Ramsdell, after Moll's departure, expressed her opinion that Moll deliberately had placed the woman in a hypnotic state so that she would be prepared for the bad news that was to come later. Her husband, too, was one of the first Sons of Liberty to give his life for freedom that day.

Many who sought Moll's prognostications found her absent from her cottage. When news reached her, whether by vision or ear, she hastened off to Marblehead or wherever she might relay the message to the Sons of Liberty. The hardiest soldiers and seamen heeded Moll's words.

"Pay attention to everything she says," one admonished. "It will come true. She's got the second sight."

One man asked, "Will we beat the redcoats?"

Moll replied, "I see heaps of slain on that hill; it's Breed's. The sight makes me sick. I see Governor Gage with a halter, he follows a young girl. She's with an old lady. They are now dressing the wounds. Ah! See the dead, they go now; spies follow. A young man comes to meet her; they are sweethearts. The gallows awaits him."

Asked if she recognized these people, Moll assured the men she knew every one. "Dorothy Quincy and John Hancock."

"Does he escape?"

"Yes, and his name lives forever."

When, on July 8, 1775, General Washington reined his white charger under a large, old elm in Cambridge, Moll Pitcher was among the crowd who cheered him. An hour before the reviewing of the troops, she had been presented to the man who was destined to become our first President as "the daughter of our regiment."

Later, Moll Pitcher told in detail the vision she had seen as she stood behind the General. Reportedly, George Washington merely smiled when told of her vision. At its conclusion, the seeress had seen "an eagle float from beneath the figure kneeling on a cloud, with outstretched wings. It rests directly over the sword. The sword remains suspended over the tall man on the hill who looks out over the water as if watching the man and cannon hiding beneath the waves."

This seems an apt description

of America's eagle and shield emerging after conquering the enemy from across the sea.

The men were completely occupied with the present stern realities of plotting strategy. The ladies, although they were concerned for their men and their land, thought of other things as well. Three weeks after Moll's first meeting with General Washington his wife gave a pleasant party to which Moll Pitcher was invited. Her hostess no doubt was disappointed, for Moll had no important vision that day. Although, when a colonel chided her, saying, I'd like to see any of your predictions come to pass! Moll answered, "Perhaps the first to come will be through your own skill at deciphering."

Very shortly a woman prisoner was brought in. She carried cipher dispatches from this colonel to General Howe. This caused even the most skeptical to smile.

"I refuse to speak unless the power of vision makes itself manifest. I do not understand this power and cannot force it to come," Moll Pitcher always insisted. This honesty, undoubtedly, helped to foster the high esteem in which she was held by all.

A few days after the party Moll went of her own accord to Martha Washington with whom she sat as General Washington paced the room, doubtless contemplating the ordeals he knew must come in the days ahead.

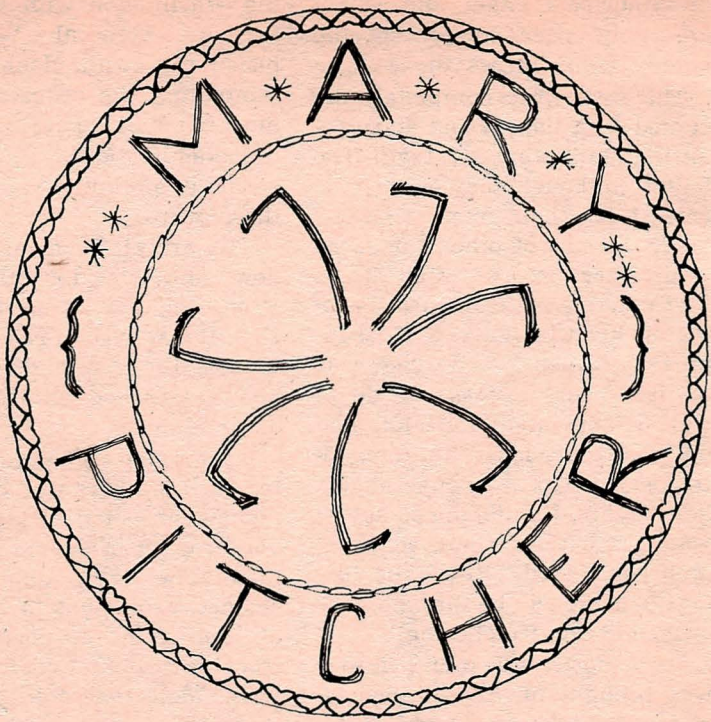
Suddenly, Mrs. Pitcher, describing an inner vision, spoke these words:

"To arms! To arms a nation flew. And thou, too, have flown. From the eve of seven to the 17th, thy star shall rise. The 19th crowns the zenith of thy fame and leaves thee with noble, honored name."

Washington appeared not to listen. But others who had joined them heard Moll further predict victories for Washington and his men. The 17th, 19th and 7th seemed prominent in her avowals and gems of poetry flowed from her lips. Concluding her visit, Moll delivered this final message: "Long after you are dust, you shall reign king and queen in the hearts of your country's people."

General Washington later answered the question "What do you say now, General, to our daughter of the regiment?" by replying, "You have adopted both a sibyl and a saint."

Another of Moll's predictions referred to Canada's future freedom. "The Sons of Liberty are rocking the cradle yet. The dawn of the second century will have



Sevens dominate design of Molly's seal (star of hearts).

hardly passed ere the train of Columbia shall cross the Canadian prairies and plant the flag of freedom through the tattered shreds of the union jack."

Moll Pitcher apparently had great faith in sevens. She pointed out the many times the prophetic seven of the prophets had played a part in America's destiny. In 1770, the seven guiding stars "held a conclave over Boston" and from that time on many factors favorable to the colonies germinated on the sevens or their eves. The eve of December 17 Indian chiefs, whose names were from seven to 17 letters, were selected to carry out the "passing around of the tea." The 7th of March all England learned how the Yankees "made tea." The 17th of May 7000 soldiers and seven British men-of-war landed in Boston whose 7000 inhabitants refused to buy British goods, dis-

solved court and called for a Continental Congress. October 7 the Sons of Liberty held court in Salem. On June 17 gunfire spoiled a beautiful orchard-clad hil. March 17 became Evacuation Day.

When predicting the future for young admirers she sometimes allowed them to write a wish on her star of hearts. This "star" was curiously shaped in the form of sevens with their upper "bars" at the base of the stems instead of their tops and with bars facing or reversed away from each other as shown in the illustration. The whole seems to be a seal engraved to Mrs. Pitcher's wishes which she stamped individually on a sheet of paper for seekers to use. For happiness, wealth and health, she directed these followers to write on the lines of the sevens; the wish, on the inside of the figure seven. From her own name — Mary Pitcher — she would point out the letters forming indicative words.

"I have the letters for rich and richer, mate and marry, but no love can I see. The seven letters of my name are potent. America has the great seven in its letters. England may have had the same, but her greed for possessions has caused the bars of the sevens to be turned into hooks that shall eventually destroy much of her."

Was Moll Pitcher speaking of a distant future when she described visions such as these:

Thousands will come and go behind a curl of smoke — air travel? Carriages of glass will go at lightning speed and none shall see what propelled them — flying saucers? People will swing through the air on a line or cord that will shoot various lights, traveling in a large basket, suspended by the cord — balloon craft? Flashing power will carry them across the Atlantic in 40 hours; magnificent music conducted on wires hundreds of miles away will play at the instigation of man; rain will be commanded, clouds dispersed — seeded clouds? Sun conductors will heat the earth in winter; messages will be transmitted on the breeze; men will ascend and descend Jacob's ladder of heaven like the angels — outer space travel?

Aghast at such fantasies, nevertheless some voiced the opinion that Moll had told them so many true things they didn't mind if she miscalculated sometimes.

"I say these things will come to pass, although changes and wonders shall step in between. You know a prophet hath no re-

spect in his own country," Moll said.

"Indeed, you have in yours, Moll!" was the chorus from her admiring listeners.

Recent tremors in the vicinity of Boston may have been foretold by Moll Pitcher nearly two centuries ago when she said, "A baby earthquake will have something to do with her (Boston) having both mansions and ruins. It has the making of a commercial city. After a time, only the poorer class will reside there. By living outside the city, they may partly escape the shocks. New York and Boston will be freight harbors for most of the world. Tidal waves in a few instances will cause trouble. A tidal wave is a tiny tilt in the motions of the earth, this way and that. I have seen a tilt of the earth leave a continent behind it as the waters were transferred. It may have been our own. It is best that I keep the rest to myself for everything comes right in the end."

Other predictions for future years either have not yet come to pass or are not so clear. Mrs. Pitcher said, "They will be suspended between two threads. I see travel mostly in single to fours in something like a basket. Boots will be made that shall roll. One foot will be placed before the other; looks like sliding on wire. The wire emits, at times three shades of flame. Hands will reach up and clutch something as fine as silk. They will go like the wind.

"The wind reveals people going with it or on it. They travel in the air, soaring not very high, reclining on something white. They will travel in chairs and go like a shot. If I have seen right, people will ascend to the sky as easily as the angels of Jacob's ladder. I have seen it many times as I sat evenings on High Rock or Fairy Mount. Often I thought the moon a beautiful moonlit ocean, lighted up by some other moon some distance away from it. It seemed as if there was land on the far side of it and it shone only when the water side was toward us.

"Horses will be kept for ornament and pleasure, nothing more, in the days to come. Men shall arise who will command the storms, turning and directing them at pleasure. Great heat will be prevented by the use of clouds which can be turned on or off at will, and water shall be pumped from them where drought is upon the earth. The frozen earth in winter shall be thawed by glorious sunbeams led by sun conductors and several other wonderful inventions."

After a full and useful life, be-

lieving she had inherited her mantle of prophecy from a remote ancestor, perhaps from Elisha or Daniel, Moll Pitcher died on April 9, 1815, in her 75th year, beloved of a host of friends who had only kind words to say of this remarkable woman, this professed fortune-teller, who served her country during the Revolutionary War in her own unique way.



FARM WITH A BUILT-IN GHOST

MYSTERIOUS EVENTS in an old farmhouse, which the present owners attribute to a ghost, were related in a recent issue of the *Pennsylvania Farmer* by Marge Alexander.

The farmhouse is part of Den Baron Farm, near Harrisburg, Pa., which was purchased by Brice Shade in 1955. Built in 1922 and now remodeled, it stands on the original foundations of a building which apparently was erected in 1854 and which was destroyed by fire.

After Brice Shade moved into the house with his wife, Dorothy, and his three children, Barbara, Denny and Jeffrey, they became aware of inexplicable happenings. Typical of these is that a shovel in the cellar was knocked to the floor every night at 11:00 o'clock. And each day at five minutes to 5:00 a thermometer fell off the wall in one of the rooms, despite all efforts to keep it fastened. During the family's first Christmas in the house, Denny, 10, recalled, the ghost kept shooting off a toy gun, although Denny had made certain it was left unloaded.

These events convinced Mrs. Shade and her children that a ghost was active. Finally she and Barbara bought an Ouija board, having been told it would give information. When questioned about the ghost, the board spelled out the name "Mary Ditty," and explained she had been hanged for killing an unfaithful husband around the turn of the century.

One recent Christmas, Barbara related, while she and Mrs. Shade were wrapping presents in a bedroom, a heavy marble bookend flew from a dresser and smashed into the opposite wall. Barbara has concluded that "Mary Ditty" does not like women and wishes to make clear that the farmhouse belongs to her.



DEATH CAME suddenly to a 37-year-old Pittsburgh power company employee last year. He was electrocuted. Doctors said he was dead. But they did not give up hope. Perhaps, through oxygen administration and other modern medical techniques, they could revive him. And they did.

This story, in broad outline, has been told before and may be repeated over and over in coming years. The number of such cases already is mounting. New drugs, heart massage, and heart surgery are bringing more and more persons "back from the dead," and these persons are reporting experiences during death

When the Dead ... *Come Back!*

These revived "dead" sometimes report verifiable experiences which defy the known laws of science.

By Henry L. Pierce

When the victim regained consciousness he had a strange, fascinating tale to tell. While he was dead, he said, he felt himself leave his body. He insisted he had visited his home in a disembodied state.

A dream? Perhaps.

But he was able to describe in detail a call paid by a neighbor to his home and the conversation held there during his alleged visit!

that seem to defy known laws of science. The experiences could be dreams. But, like the power company worker, these persons often are able to describe events that happened some distance away — events they say they saw firsthand.

A ceramics worker in Montana came within a hairline of death during a hard bout with pneumonia. She tells the following story:

"I don't remember losing consciousness. They told me later I was in a deep coma. But suddenly I was able to see myself lying on the bed. I saw my husband and the doctor and heard everything they said. They didn't think I'd live until morning. They talked awhile and then went into the living room. It seemed as if I was able to follow them. My husband took down a book he had been reading and read a paragraph to the doctor, and then they both discussed it."

She told her husband all she had observed after she regained consciousness. He confirmed every detail.

A dream?

Perhaps. Or perhaps she overheard enough of the conversation in her comatose state to be able to add the rest of it. Or perhaps, like the power worker, she ventured into the little-understood frontier of extrasensory perception — the realm of telepathy and clairvoyance.

Most such cases are carefully suppressed. Wide publicity is given the medical miracles that sometimes can revive the newly dead. But the actual experience of the patient with death is carefully avoided. Fear of ridicule is one reason. Patients are afraid: afraid they will not be believed, that they will be labeled "crackpot." This happened to the power company employee. It also happened to a man who, in a deep coma, afterwards alleged he had seen and talked with his wife who had been killed in an automobile accident a short time before.

Doctors and nurses don't like to see these cases publicized. They seldom mention them in their reports. Newsmen rarely are invited to cover stories where the seemingly supernatural is involved, no matter how dramatic the patient's subsequent recovery may have been.

A western Pennsylvania woman was pronounced dead following a heart attack. After she was revived, thanks to modern surgical methods, newsmen were

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Henry W. Pierce is a psychologist who long has been interested in parapsychology as well. From his experience as science-medical writer for the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette*, he has drawn these several cases in which patients have related out-of-the-body happenings after their revival from clinical death.

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notified that the case promised dramatic feature material. Tentative dates for interviews with the patient were arranged. Then, suddenly, the hospital personnel had a mysterious change of heart. Newsmen were told, without explanation, that they would not be permitted to talk with the patient after all. Hospital public relations people, who once had clamored for publicity for the case, became unaccountably silent. They said only that the patient "did not seem quite right," that her judgment was not to be trusted. Doctors closed their books firmly on the case and her identity never was revealed.

However, doctors themselves are not immune to these uncanny experiences. A 68-year-old Buffalo, N.Y., physician lay dying, following a long illness. As night approached, he lapsed into unconsciousness. His wife and brother-in-law stayed by his side.

"At about 3:00 A.M.," his brother - in - law relates, "he awoke suddenly from a deep coma. He seemed rational and in full possession of his faculties. He said he had been in some other place. He did not describe it, but he repeated, 'I haven't been here — I've been somewhere else.' He died before morning."

More detail comes from a British physician and diplomat, Sir Auckland Geddes. In an address to the Royal Medical Society titled *A Voice from the Grandstand,* Sir Auckland described what he called "the experience of a man who passed into the very portals of death and was brought back to life by medical treatment."

Sir Auckland's patient apparently was poisoned. It hit him so fast he didn't even have time to summon help. As he describes it:

"I wanted to ring for assistance but found I could not, and so quite placidly gave up the attempt. I realized I was very ill and very quickly reviewed my whole financial position. Thereafter, at no time did my consciousness appear to me to be in any way dimmed, but I suddenly realized that my consciousness was separating from another consciousness which was also me."

This second consciousness, Sir Auckland said, gradually became dominant as the man's condition grew worse. He continued:

"Gradually I realized that I could see, not only my body and the bed in which it was, but everything in the whole house and garden, and then I realized that I was seeing, not only 'things' at

home but in London and Scotland, in fact, wherever my attention was directed, it seemed to me; and the explanation which I received, from what source I do not know, but which I found myself calling my 'mentor,' was that I was free in a time-dimension of space wherein 'now' was in some way equivalent to 'here' in the ordinary three-dimensional space of everyday life."

How does a person "see" in such a state if he has no physical eyes?

Sir Auckland said that, although he seemed to have two-eyed vision, he "appreciated" rather than "saw" things — much as if an entirely different form of perception (extrasensory?) had taken over.

In this state, Sir Auckland said, he "saw" a woman enter his bedroom. The patient continued:

"I realized she got a terrible shock and I saw her hurry to the telephone. I saw my doctor leave his patients and come very quickly, and heard him say, or saw him think, 'He is nearly gone.' I heard him quite clearly speaking to me on the bed, but I was not in touch with my body and could not answer him."

The doctor gave him an injection, Sir Auckland reported, and the patient had this to say:

"As the heart began to beat more strongly, I was drawn back, and I was intensely annoyed, because I was so interested and just beginning to understand where I was and what I was 'seeing'. I came back into the body really angry at being pulled back and once I was back all the clarity of vision of anything and everything disappeared and I was just possessed of a glimmer of consiousness, which was suffused with pain."

A dream?

Sir Auckland said it had no tendency to fade like a dream. "What are we to make of it?" he asked. "Of one thing only can we be quite sure. It is not a fake."

A Scottish surgeon, Sir Alexander Ogston, told about being near death from typhoid fever in Bloemfontein Hospital, South Africa.

"Mind and body seemed to be dual," he said, "and to some extent separate. I was conscious of the body as an inert, tumbled mass near the door; it belonged to me but it was not I."

In this condition, he said, he had "a strange consciousness that I could see through the walls of the building, though I was aware that they were there and that everything was transparent to my senses."

Sir Ogston told about "seeing"

another physician in a different part of the hospital grow very ill, scream, and die. He had not known of this doctor's existence, he said. He added: "I saw them cover over his corpse and carry him softly out on shoeless feet, quietly and surreptitiously."

Nurses later confirmed this event, he reported.

You don't have to die or even approach death to have a similar experience. Many persons know what it's like to try to wake themselves out of a sound sleep, only to find they can't. If you've ever had this experience you know how terrifying it can be. You're fully aware of your surroundings; you try to shout — but you can't make a sound. You try to pinch yourself but you can't move your fingers. Momentarily, you've lost control of your body.

A 20-year-old Buffalo man had this experience twice. He happened to be interested in extrasensory perception. So, on the second occasion, he forgot his terror long enough to try an experiment.

"I wanted to find out whether my range of perception could be extended in this state — like telepathy or clairvoyance," he reports, "so I directed my attention toward the weather, which was a sort of hobby of mine at the time. Somehow, don't ask me how, I was able to see that a cold wave was moving in on us from Colorado. The next morning a revised forecast from the weather bureau warned of a cold wave moving in from Colorado!"

Coincidence?

Perhaps. Cold waves are not uncommon in December when this experience took place. But from Colorado? The young man said, had he known a cold wave was coming, he would have expected it from Montana or the Dakotas — not from Colorado which is farther south.

What does science think of all this?

Most doctors are skeptical. They see dying patients all the time. They know what it's like to watch a patient "pass on." They know that some patients, at the moment of death, seem to "see" dead friends and relatives. It's not unusual to see a dying patient's eyes open wide, as if in surprise, and hear him utter the name of his wife or some long-dead companion as if in amazed greeting. But most doctors believe that such patients are hallucinated.

Are these doctors right? Are such patients really so sick they don't know what they are seeing? Are they "cloudy-minded" from fever and disease?

Dr. Karlis Osis, Research Director of the Parapsychology Foundation in New York, is trying to find out. He sent a list of questions to doctors and nurses throughout the nation, asking whether they had observed patients having such experiences. He asked for detailed medical information about these patients. Had they been given drugs before they died? Did they have high fevers? Were they delirious? Were any poisons at work inside their bodies? Did they seem cloudy-minded or clear-minded?

When all the reports were in Dr. Osis had a mountain of facts on 1,370 dying patients who, the doctors and nurses reported, had behaved as if they had "seen" a dead friend or relative. And the answers to the questionnaire were surprising.

The patients who seemingly greeted dead friends and relatives were reported as apparently clear-minded, not under drugs, and did not have high fevers! The doctors and nurses who witnessed their deaths said most of them appeared rational and fully aware of their surroundings right up to their last moments of life.

Patients who appeared to be cloudy-minded, were under heavy sedation, or who had fevers higher than 103 more often described visions of monsters, devils and frightening animals. Many of these confused patients also had hallucinations of friends and relatives who were still living — something the clear-minded ones never did.

Does this mean that some persons really do "see into the beyond" at the moment of death? Is there a frontier between life and death at which the living and the dead sometimes are permitted to meet?

Perhaps someday we will know the answer to this question.



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CO x 3: A Case of SYNCHRONICITY

Three cases of deadly carbon monoxide poisoning, all in most unusual circumstances: can we call it coincidence?

By Maria V. Wilkinson

ABOUT 25 YEARS ago I lived in the Governor's Palace, in Changsha, the capital of the Hunan Province, in China. My husband was economic advisor to Ho Chien, Governor of Hunan Province. The palace was on Sha Ho Gai, which means Sand River Street, on the outskirts of the city not far from the river. The palace was said to be *Fong-Shue,* which in Chinese means "wind-water." This is not a good or favorable name and in plain English means "it is haunted."

One day as usual the boy announced luncheon at 1:00 o'clock, just as my Chinese lesson ended. I was alone with Ruth and Charlotte, my two children aged five and three, and my sister Emmy, because my husband was touring the province making an economic survey. When my sister and the children did not come down for the meal I went up to the nursery where I knew they had been playing. A bright fire was burning in the fireplace. Ruth, Charlotte and Emmy were sitting in front of the fire on the floor, busy with jigsaw puzzles. They did not feel like eating, they told me; perhaps later some tea and sandwiches would taste good. I did not disturb them although this sudden lack of appetite seemed odd. After I finished my own lunch I again went up to the nursery.

I will not forget the sight which met my eyes on this return trip.

The three lay sprawled over the rug, unconscious. A night table and lamp in the adjoining bedroom were upset; drawers had fallen to the floor and their contents were scattered about. A revolver lay in the middle of the carpet.

I shouted for the servants, at the same time trying to rouse the inert forms. The servants dashed off for the nearest doctor, a German of the China Inland Mission.

When he arrived he was puzzled. Could they have eaten anything wrong? he asked. I assured him they had eaten nothing since early morning when they had the usual toast, eggs and tea. He prescribed rest and helped me carry the children to their beds while my sister was taken to the adjoining bedroom.

By late afternoon Ruth and Charlotte came to. They were dizzy and complained of terrific headaches. When asked what had happened they described it in words and gestures, "We were like dizzy birds with arms fluttering and drooping and such terrible headaches. Aunt Emmy went to get us some aspirin."

This explained the night table with its upset lamp and drawers, for next to the revolver we found the bottle of aspirin which apparently fell from her hand when she had fainted.

Still we were confronted with a riddle. What was the cause of the happenings?

"Bad *Fong-Shue*," said the servants.

Like most Chinese they believed firmly in good and evil nature spirits. Spirits of wind and water had to be considered before building any dwelling in China and the Governor's residence had been empty for a considerable time before we moved in, because everybody knew about its bad omen. The Governor and his family had moved out some time ago and now lived in a new residence in the center of town.

Whatever had happened, my sister was still unconscious in the evening and the doctor advised us not to disturb her. When I went to see her next morning I found her ice-cold, her color nearer black than white. She did not breathe. My first reaction was to throw her arms above her head, then press them down on her chest in an attempt to start respiration.

The doctor, called to the spot by the frantic servants, took one look at her and said, "There is nothing we can do but pray. To all appearances she is dead."

Something in me insisted, "She is not dead. I cannot accept his verdict."

I immediately dispatched a messenger for Dr. Philip Greene, American doctor of Yale-in-China. Though the rickshaw sped away at once I did not receive the answer for an hour: Dr. Greene was out of town and would not return for two days.

I spent the next days and nights trying to induce respiration, taking turns with Dr. Ho, our good Chinese neighbor. After a few hours of work Emmy's chest would seem to move, just for a moment. It was confirmation of my belief that life had not completely left her. Yet one could not call it breathing. Nevertheless, hope was forever with us that her body was responding.

The tragedy had occurred on Wednesday. On Friday Dr. Greene returned to Changsha and in answer to my urgent call hurried to the scene.

"Carbon monoxide poisoning," he said briefly. "Take her to the hospital at once."

I went with her, continuing my efforts at artificial respiration all the way to the China Inland Mission Hospital.

"Has anyone thought of emptying her bladder of all the poisoned fluid?" Dr. Greene asked.

No one had. He went to work at once and the body responded with an expansion and contraction of the chest, imperceptible at first but getting stronger and coming at more frequent intervals with the passing minutes.

On Saturday morning my sister spoke her first mumbled words in German, "Can you hear the bells of Cologne cathedral?"

Never had I been so grateful!

Dr. Greene eventually explained the fateful event. The fireplace had been built by Chinese who knew nothing about the rules of safety so far as fumes were concerned. As a result deadly carbon monoxide had escaped into the room. Being colorless and odorless it could not be detected. Then after Emmy had fainted from the effects of these fumes we had left her for the night in the adjoining room with the windows tightly sealed according to Chinese custom, thus keeping her in with the deadly fumes.

For many months her health remained seriously affected, with noticeable damage to her stomach and kidneys and partial loss of memory. Miraculously Ruth and Charlotte showed no aftereffects. Many months later when her memory returned Emmy gave an account of the accident as she had experienced it. Dr. Philip Greene wrote about it in detail to an American medical journal.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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ABOUT 15 YEARS later I was traveling in South America and in the late afternoon of a lovely autumn day arrived in Arequipa, Peru. A room had been reserved for me at *Tia Bates,* a rambling old guest house built around a Spanish courtyard. The view from my room was breathtakingly beautiful with snowcapped Misti in the background.

I intended to stay here for about a week, to do some writing on archaeology subjects which had occupied me during recent months. However, my mind kept wandering back to the idea of *Fong-Shue.* For some reason I felt the urge to write about the long-ago happenings in China. Perhaps my children, now grown up, would like to read about them. I addressed my writings to my daughter Ruth, who at this time was working at the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

After sending my letter off to her I remained without an answer for a long time. As Ruth usually was a frequent and reliable correspondent I became concerned at her silence.

Eventually the explanation reached me, in the form of a letter written by our good family doctor in New York. I still can almost experience the amazement I felt on reading his letter.

Ruth had been found unconscious on the floor of the Metropolitan Museum basement in a vault where she had been working, classifying *objets d'art* bought at auctions in Europe. She had been rushed to a hospital and the diagnosis was *carbon monoxide poisoning*. There was no need to worry, the doctor's letter said; everything was all right again. However, the reason for the accident was still unsolved. The museum personnel suspected that a gas pipe leading into the vault was leaking but this was not yet determined.

The strange thing about this, of course, is that the accident must have happened at the same time that I sat, a continent away at *Tia Bates*, writing about the carbon monoxide poisoning in China 15 years before.

What was the relationship, in both time and space, between these two so widely separated events? And if you answer me, *Fong-Shue*, then I must insist that this names it but does not explain it.

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THERE IS yet another sequel. A short time later I was on an archaeological expedition and got to talking about this duplicity of events with a young American from Stanford University.

When I had finished telling him my story he gave me a strange look. "And where were you, exactly, may I ask? Did you write about this when you were at *Tia Bates?*"

I described the corner room which had been mine, above the courtyard and facing the Misti.

"Do you know what happened in that room during my stay at the guest house last year?" was his next question.

I admitted that I did not.

"My dear lady," he said impressively. *"Tia Bates'* Indian maid was found unconscious on the floor while ironing with an old charcoal iron. She died of carbon monoxide poisoning in the very same room where you wrote to Ruth!"

So, I had felt compelled to write the story of a 15-year-old carbon monoxide poisoning while sojourning in the room where a young woman had died of carbon monoxide poisoning the year before, to a girl who, at the very moment, was hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning.

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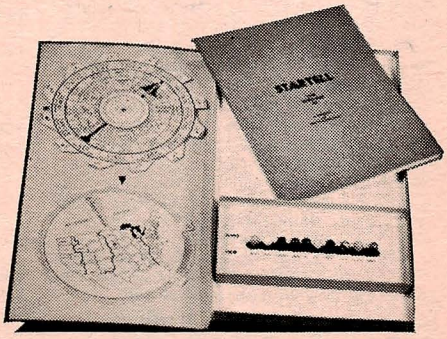
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FOR EMPTY ARMS

By Marie McDermott

MY BELOVED mother, Sadie F. Duncanson, passed away in San Francisco, Calif., in June, 1952. She was a woman well loved by all. Although I missed her dreadfully I still felt her close to me. She had loved my young family so much that, in my heart, I knew they always would be protected by Gram.

In April, 1955, our son Jeffrey was born. This was seven years after the birth of our last child and it was quite a shock to us all. Having had three children I felt I was an old hand at the business but Jeffrey's was a breech birth and the doctor informed me that the baby, although he weighed 11 pounds, eight ounces, was not doing well. As I lay in the recovery room a nurse came and told me that my baby had had a great deal of mucus removed from his throat and that oxygen was being administered. She said they had sent for the priest to give him the last sacraments.

I was so bereaved I was about to lose my mind.

On the third day I was sent home but every night my husband stopped by the hospital to check on Jeff's condition. When I got up on my seventh day I went to the hospital. Our son was in an incubator and I was told he had respiratory trouble and wasn't expected to live. I cried and cried.

That night my husband woke me by shaking me. I awoke crying. He asked what was wrong and I said, "Mama has been talking to me. She is real mad because I won't give her my baby." I told him that as she walked away she kept repeating, "Keep him; be stingy; just keep him."

The next day at the hospital when I rushed to the nursery window I found the incubator open and empty. I guess I was hysterical. I pounded on the window and screamed for my husband.

The doctor finally made me understand that sometime during the night he had an urgent call from the maternity nurse. Our baby's condition had changed for the better — suddenly, unexpectedly. The doctor said, "You two had better thank God."

My husband and I wondered what my dream of my mom had to do with the miracle.

When Jeffrey was 12 days old we brought him home and to this day he has been well and strong.

Two years later, in 1957, my mom visited me again. This was a happier

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visit but she did make a point of showing me that her arms were empty. But I just didn't know what I could do.

But a few months later I had a miscarriage. The doctor, who finally arrived, told me I had lost a four and one-half month baby. He wanted me to go to the hospital but I said no, I would wait until my husband came from work. I never did go into the hospital; I felt fine and it was not necessary.

That night Mom came to me again. She didn't say a word, but she was hugging a baby blanket she had in her arms. She seemed very happy.

On Friday I went to the doctor's office and by this time I was very depressed at the loss of my baby. However, physically I was coming along fine.

That night I was visited again by Mother. This time she sat down and talked to me. She told me not to be depressed, that I had a wonderful husband and lovely family to live for. And she told me my "little fellow" always would be loved. That is how I knew the baby I lost was another boy.

Mom never has come again but I remember her parting words, "I always will be near you, when you want me just talk and I will hear." — *Sebastopol, Calif.*

I CHOSE LIFE

By Ethelyn M. Kincher

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causes, and made some headway in its control.

I was just past 14 when I was first "seized" with the convulsions peculiar to epilepsy, and my experience was one of the most profound and best remembered of my life. It is my personal proof of existence beyond this life. I was "dead"—and I glimpsed another existence.

I was living in southern California at the time, and attending high school. I rode a school bus which, together with my brother, three cousins and several neighbors, I boarded just a few steps from my front door.

On that particular morning in December, 1927, I was very tired. I had been tired for quite a while. School had always been fun for me, learning was easy. My grades were top-of-the-class. But this year it was hard to learn and I had no energy nor any joy for extra curricular activities.

I sat down in the middle of the crowded bus and looked around wearily. It was a gray December day. I listened to the chatter about me and wished I was part of it, but the effort was too much. Someone touched me and I started to turn to see who sat back of me. Horror and agony gripped me as my head seemed to keep turning beyond my control and I whirled off into nothingness.

My next sensation was awareness of being in a car—not sitting in a seat in the usual manner, not even lying. I was up in one corner of the back seat. I could *see* the driver of the car, a man whom I did not know and never saw again, but whom I was able to describe in detail later. I also described the car completely, inside and out. I *saw* my brother and a cousin in the back seat, both looking very young and frightened. And across their laps I saw my lifeless body. The vividness of the picture still remains in my memory after

nearly 40 years. My body wore a tan wool skirt and a soft, brushed-wool, blue sweater. The eyes were closed, the face drained of all color.

I looked down with a kind of detached curiosity. I realized the boys were grieving, but something said, "They are young, they won't grieve long." And I accepted this without question and without pity.

The car turned into the driveway of my parents' home. I caught a glimpse of my mother through the window. She was not very well and was expecting her seventh child in a few weeks time. I had worried about her and now all that worry flooded back to me in the high corner of the car.

The voice, which was more like certain knowledge than spoken words said, "You can go back—or you can go on. Decide now. It is up to you. If you stay out of the body longer you will never be able to go back to it."

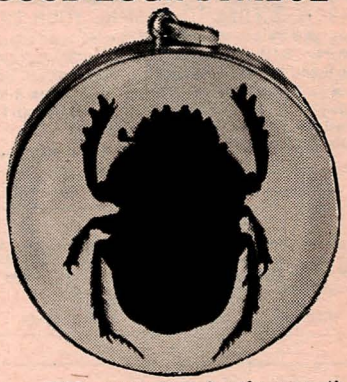
There were no promises of what might be if I chose to go on, but the very essence of me knew. I cannot recall what I knew, only the assurance of it, deep, calm and abiding. I wanted to go . . . but again I saw my mother's worried face and distorted body. I made my decision.

"I must go back," I said.

Then I knew nothing more for over an hour when I returned to consciousness in my bed (in my tired, aching body) with my mother and the doctor there beside me.

Those early years as an epileptic were often difficult. I tried to remember, always, that I *chose*. After I adjusted to the pattern of the seizures, the ease of learning returned to me. I finished my school years at the head of my class, with the respect and admiration of my classmates. I was well and strong in every respect except for the epilepsy which continued through my adolescence and into

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MY MOTHER, Ethel Puckett Damerell, was born in Torquay, England. She grew up there in a fine old house overlooking the English Channel. Atop the cliffs they could feel the salt spray that drifted up whenever there was a storm. The pounding waves broke on the rocks far below and, farther out, the channel would be gray and white with churning water and spume. More frequent however, were the periods of calm beauty when the water was dimpled green and yellow in endless swells, when sea birds rode down the curves.

Torquay was a very quiet town but it had a number of ghosts which appears to be usual for England. Mother often told me about family *Angels* as she called them, and she told me this story concerning her own personal *Angel.*

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railings about the edge of the balcony but no accident ever had occurred.

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The next summer Nanny's vacation time came and a substitute came in for the month she was to be gone. She was lectured repeatedly about the doors but, being young and unafraid, she forgot the rule one night, a week after Nanny left. Of course, that was the time Mother walked in her sleep again — for the first time in almost a year.

Her bare foot must have given the iron grill a whack because she instantly woke from the pain of it. But having tripped against the low railing she found herself falling forward toward the rocks and the sea. Suddenly she was pulled back by strong hands. She peered down at her foot and in the dark barely made out that it was bleeding. Then she looked up into Nanny Jones' face.

Frightened and confused, believing the old nurse had returned unexpectly, she allowed herself to be led, limping, back to bed. Her foot was examined and made to stop bleeding. She was tucked into bed and fondly chucked under the chin.

"You will never fall while I watch," said Nanny. Then she disappeared in a mist which Mother said she took for fog creeping up from the channel. The gas lamp, turned very low as a night light, showed the alternate girl sleeping soundly in the other bed but Mother said, although she felt confused, she soon went to sleep.

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of Mother's story and the bruised and swollen foot the girl was discharged. The entire family now waited for Nanny Jones' return, or at least for a postal card from her. Instead a black bordered letter arrived. Mother's beloved nurse had died suddenly on the same night she had appeared on the rose balcony.

Then one night about six years later, when Mother was 15 years old and the edge of the family's grief at the loss of Nanny had worn off, a tremendous storm roared in the channel. The high barricade which had been erected after Mother had been saved from falling by Nanny Jones was smashed to pieces. As it came crashing down Mother leaped from her bed and stared through the glass of the French doors. Lightning lit up the scene. The destruction was complete.

But something else was visible in the eerie light. Nanny Jones was standing at the edge of the abyss, her arms folded, the mists swirling about her.

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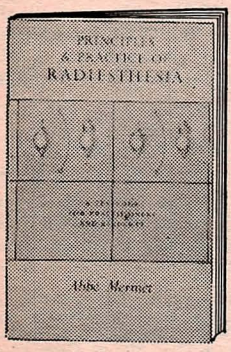
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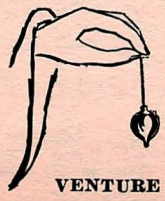
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I got along rather well in the first half of the small volume, but some of the rest had me floundering. In fact, I became lost completely in the two chapters on the roots of language and concluded that the views expressed might be beyond my range no matter how expressed. Precisely what, for example, does it mean to say: "The second root is R, representing motion. Its color correspondence is red, and its form symbol is the line" (illustrated in the book by a vertical line).

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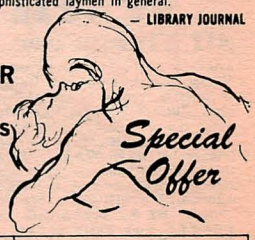
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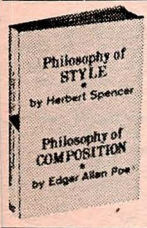
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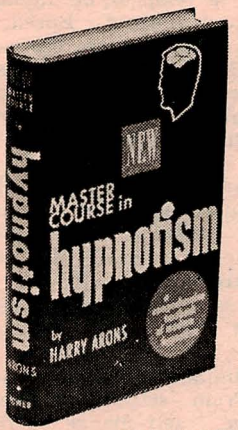
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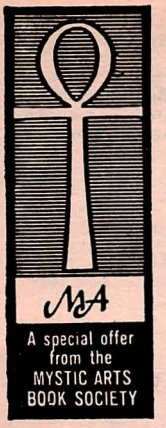
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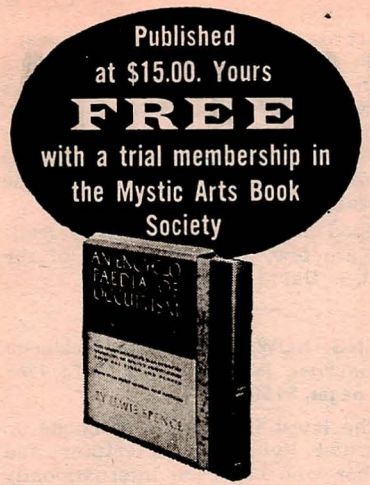
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TEN YEARS OF ACTIVITIES, Parapsychology Foundation, N.Y., 1965. 132 pages (paperback). $2.50.

This book was reviewed on page 118 of the April, 1966, FATE, and it was stated that the book was being distributed on a complimentary basis. This was an error. The cost of the book is $2.50. Our apologies to the Parapsychology Foundation. — *Mary Margaret Fuller, Editor.*

Report FROM THE Readers

HEAVENLY BODIES?

I am very much interested in the UFOs, especially since my husband and I have seen two. One we saw was round with lights all around it, and a few minutes later we saw another one shaped like an ice cream cone and all ablaze. They both traveled from north to south and both looked approximately one foot long as they passed overhead — probably at several thousand feet up.

This was about 2:00 A.M. near Brooksville, Fla., a few miles south of where Mr. Reeves [FATE, October 1965] reported seeing one. We have a little cabin in the woods there, where we go in hurricane season for a few days, or when bad weather and high water surround our island. Our UFO sighting was about three months after Mr. Reeves' report.

Anyway, I always have wondered if these UFOs were from heaven, and if the fiery chariot that took Elijah up was one of these.

The Bible says, "the Heavens were opened and I saw visions of God," Ezekiel 1:1, and, "they *went upon their sides, and* they turned not as they went," Ezekiel 1:17. Again in Ezekiel: "The spirit of the living creatures *was* in the wheels, 1:20-21,

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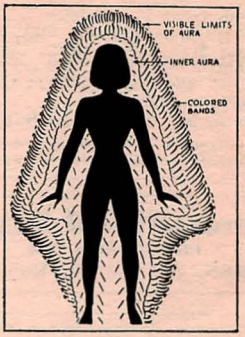


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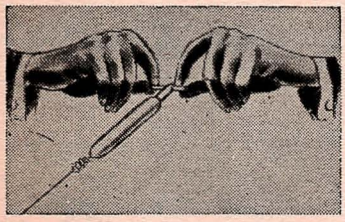
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. . . when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them, 1:19, . . . and when the living creatures were lifted up from the Earth, the wheels were lifted up," 1:19.

Ezekiel describes the "wheels" as on their sides, and "their appearance and their work *was* as it were *a wheel in the middle of a wheel,*" 1:16. Well, that is certainly what some UFOs look like according to reports.

Ezekiel also describes their color as "beryl" which is approximately the color of aluminum. He describes the angelic beings called cherubim which he said did not ride in the wheels, but "their spirit was in the wheels," which of course could mean remote control by Heavenly Beings.

Other remarkably coincidental descriptions in the Bible are: "the presence of fire burning between the wheels," Ezekiel 10-6; "ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lighting," Ezekiel 1:14; "the chariots of God *are* twenty thousand," Psalm 68:17; "the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above," Ezekiel 10:20; 11:22; "the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire," Isaiah 66-15; "As birds flying, so will the Lord of Hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver *it; and* passing over he will preserve *it,*" Isaiah 31:5.

Jesus said, "fearful sights and great signs shall there be from Heaven, and men's hearts shall fail them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth . . . be ye therefore ready; for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not," Luke 12:40.

It is so strange for people on earth to realize that God could have chariots which we can see? and to watch for the promised signs in the heavens

and earth so we will be ready when He comes and we will be caught up in the sky with Jesus out of the "days of tribulations"?

It's all so wonderful and true. One sees Ezekiel's vision a lot these days. We should wonder at the Heavenly signs instead of cowering in fear of them. — *Barbara I. W. Falk, Pass-a-Grille Beach, Fla.*

My cousin is working in Springhill, Nova Scotia; he sent me a letter in which he states something quite extraordinary. The same account was published in the *Springhill Record.* It probably will not be made public because of a blackout on such news in Canada —as an R.C.A.F. member I can vouch for this blackout.

About the second week in December some boys in the above mentioned town saw a spacecraft land nearby. They investigated and found evidence of something's having landed in the woods — trees and grass were flattened. They immediately acquired the assistance of their parents who observed the same evidence.

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When Ken's parents got to him, Ken was on the floor and screaming. He is now in the Springhill Hospital in a bad state of shock.

This is all I know about the incident and if people wait for the news service to carry it they will have a long wait. Maybe if someone investigates the story it might prove worth telling. — *Carl Wilson, Toronto, Canada.*

UFO'S ZIGZAG TRAIL

I was quite surprised to read Mrs. Dwain Miller's letter in "Report from the Readers" in the March, 1966, FATE. It concerned her sighting of an erratically-flying UFO. In November, 1964, I too along with my family spotted what we thought at first was a satellite. It was a clear night and I saw an object about the size of a bright star moving across the heavens. While every one of us was watching, the "satellite" stopped moving and headed in another direction.

I remember saying, "No satellite ever does *that!*" We were watching completely fascinated, when again the object stopped and moved in another direction. It continued in an overall southeasterly direction until it disappeared from sight, zigzagging all the time.

I wonder if the object I saw and the one Mrs. Miller saw might be of similar origin or maybe even the same object? I suppose we will never know, but I would be interested in hearing whether other FATE readers may have seen like occurrences. — *John C. Sherwood, Marshall, Mich.*

A "TINSEL" MYSTERY

About six years ago on a hot summer day in Oak Park, Ill., my father decided that it was time to clean out the gutters around the roof of our home. From the top of the ladder he threw down debris and leaves that had fallen from the elms the autumn before and he commented that there was a strange tinsel-like material intermingled with the stuff in large clumps.

After examining the "tinsel," which was silver on one side and blue on the other, I recalled the previous evening's radio program "Night Desk" which had reported a phone call from a woman north of Chicago who had found tinsel of the same color in her yard. Her neighbors had not found such material in their yards.

Father and I ruled out the possibility that it was tinsel which had been scattered about by the winds, from our old, discarded Christmas tree, because we had used only "angel hair" on our tree that year. Also, the lawn had been cut several times since spring and we had not discovered such material.

I have collected several strands of the tinsel and pressed them under glass. Can any of your readers clear up this mystery for me?—*Mrs. Martin Roseberry, Evergreen, Colo.*

ATTAR OF ROSES

For over 20 years I have mulled over an experience I had one cold October afternoon.

My 20-year-old daughter and I were hanging some things on the line in our backyard. Suddenly an almost suffocating fragrance, like attar of roses, enveloped us. It seemed to be all over the yard.

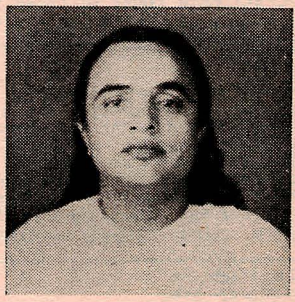
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My mother had been especially fond of her grandson. I wonder if this attar of roses is attributable to her on both of these occasions.—*Helen S. Clark, Westwood, Mass.*

SAINT ROSE

I have had a similar experience with "Mysterious Odors".

Many times when my husband and I go into our bedroom to prepare for bed, we smell a very strong odor of roses. I don't have any perfume of this kind; it smells like fresh roses.

I am an artist and about six months ago I painted a strange picture of a woman wearing a blue veil with a big red feather circling in the foreground. I gave this painting to my friend Elenore Simmons who lives in Mountain View, Calif.

Not long afterwards, her son brought a college friend home with him who was from Peru, S.A. As soon as he looked at the painting he said, "I know who that is, that's Saint Rose, the patron Saint of Peru."

Not long after that, Elenore's son

had another friend (an Orthodox Greek monk) and he too said the painting was of Saint Rose.

The odd thing is that I had no knowledge of Saint Rose when I painted the picture. This and the odor of roses that we smell in our bedroom I think are linked somehow. But for what purpose I do not know.

Elenore says the painting is very haunting and many of her friends comment on this.—*Cosette Willoughby, San Jose, Calif.*

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CORRECTION?

Regarding the dates at the end of the "Quote of the Month" in the January, 1966, issue, I believe Allan Kardec (Denizard Rivail) died on March 31, 1869. — *Harry J. Coster,* Union City, N.J.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE?

I do not go along with Engineer U. Kihlstroem's "simple explanation" which appeared in the March, 1966, FATE.

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He also states that it couldn't happen in America, because motors usually run on single-phase alternating curent. I imagine we have more three- and four-phase systems here than any place in the world!

Mr. Kihlstroem may be head of the public works department in Luleaa, Sweden, but he sure is no electrician! — *Fred R. Bartlett, Sr., Thermopolis, Wyo.*

MORE ABOUT MOTORS

In the March, 1966, FATE, you mention that Engineer U. Kihlstroem is credited with the explanation that reversal of motor rotation was caused by changing two phases of the three-phase current used there and that such an occurrence was unlikely in America where single phase is commonly used.

Harold Wilkins in *Flying Saucers on the Attack* (1954) says: "April 11, 1952: 200 pumps in the Coolidge area, Arizona, were badly damaged when electric motors driving them suddenly and unaccountably changed the direction of their rotation. Electrical engineers, rushed to the region, were mystified by the sudden change of polarity in the motors, or of the current feeding them."

Engineer Kihlstroem stated that the reversal there was caused by someone throwing the wrong switch. This must have been the case in Arizona, where possibly three-phase was being used. However, I cannot conceive of the existence of such a switch, unless purposely installed for use at the proper time and under proper circumstances when no damage would result — in which case there would be no occasion for mystification. There should have been no such switch in the Luleaa system; certain-

ly it wouldn't have been intended that clocks should ever run backwards! Further, clocks are all single-phase and connected across only one phase on two- and three-phase lines and just simply could not be reversed — which makes the Luleaa story suspect. In the Arizona instance, if all motors were on the same circuit, or supplied from the same source, a switch of wires at the source (highly improbable) could have done the trick. It appears wholly ridiculous to attribute the alleged occurrences in either of these cases to other than human manipulation.

I am aware that many well-authenticated reports point to the immediate presence of UFO's as the cause of electrical interference or failure in power in networks, autos, planes, signal systems, etc., and theories can be conjured up to account for this, but the selective, physical performances required to reverse direction of motors in the cases cited leave no room to theorize. — *Earle T. Mutersbaugh, McLean, Va.*

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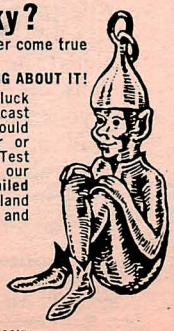
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QUASAR ANSWER

With reference to the "Quasar Query" issue apparently raging among scientific circles (FATE, January, 1966, p. 128), I think that Mr. Jan Daily is on the right track: physical velocities greater than light-speed provide the only logical answer to the problem he detected.

I think there is not much "formally" wrong with contemporary physical theories except in the fundamental ways of proper application and/or determinations of the limits of application.

First: "Einstein's conceptions" are applicable, I think, only to the fields of electromagnetic inductions — including light originating in this inductive manner.

Second: "Disintegration-lights" of nuclear particle-disintegrations (not to be confused with "atomic energy," "fusion" or "fission") are produced by discontinuous sets of interdependent, charged particles (or physical systems) which I do not think follow Einsteinian or classical laws; therefore, these lights also are subject to a peculiar, hitherto undisclosed "law of velocity-additions" not covered by classical *or* Einsteinian physics.

Third: "Disintegration-lights" may either be visible or invisible, or a combination of both but do not exhibit circular light wave-expansion

from a point-source. These lights are, in my opinion, emitted in a hollow-vortex-form of various half-angles of emission!

Fourth: The "13 year cycle" is caused by a rotation of said quasar with the "bright" section to the vortex-beam returning with its geometrical counterpart after rotation. (In one of the quasars the "disintegration-cone" is visible, or made visible, so that it actually looks like a giant exclamation point!)

Further, I would like to cite the author, Max Born (Nobel-laureate in physics), in re *Einstein's Theory of Relativity*, rev. ed., Dover Publications, p. 357; "if gravitational fields are present, the velocity of either material bodies or of light can assume *any* numerical value."

This in itself should answer Mr. Daily's problem quite nicely, except that: first, "disintegration-light," not ordinary light, applies — according to my opinion; second, the "General Theory of Relativity" is held by me to be fundamentally incorrect since the Einsteinian relativity-factor

$$k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

has $(v = c)$ as an upper limit and cannot apply to any phenomena other than electromagnetic induction-produced third, the undoubtedly correct qualitative deductions of Einstein's General Theory with respect to hyperspeeds of material bodies in gravitational fields is the merit of *Minkowski's World Geometry*, with which Einstein merged his equations in order to form his "General Theory of Relativity." As such I consider Einstein's work to be a marvelous exhibit of intuitive scientific thinking.

A close friend and associate of mine had a close look at these ideas before I sent them on. As he

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Frankly, I doubt it very much. To my mind it is a form of self-hypnosis and it is surprising what *that* can produce. The medical annals are full of such cases. — *J. P. J. Chapman, Dorset, England.*

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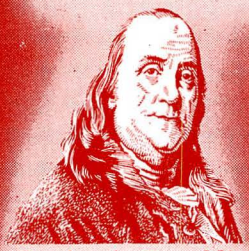
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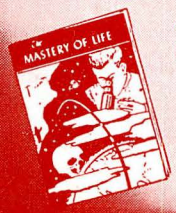
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